



## QUESTIONS

Technical Assistance Session I

March 7, 2022, 6pm

### **AGENDA (slide deck will be posted):**

- Opening/ House keeping
- ARPA review
- Purpose of CPF
- Area of Impact
- Eligible Uses (Funding Categories)
- Application process
- Community Review Body
- Contracting/ Evaluation
- Questions/ Next steps

### **QUESTIONS/ ANSWERS**

Can we see whole application?

- o Will post static image of application to landing page.
- o Can be found [here](#).

How long are the grants for?

- o Funding must be spent down by December 31, 2024

Can you apply for more than one priority area?

- o Yes, may potentially only receive funding in one area.

Is this a good situation if you want to start a program with other agencies? Partnerships?

Can my business rather than a non-profit , apply?

- o Yes, as long as you meet minimum requirements and understanding that orgs who have NOT previously contracted with County will be prioritized.

Could I use funding to expand certain, existing programs?

- o Yes.

Is each session the same? Or are they building on each other?

- o Same information will be shared in each session, four times at alternating times. Recordings will be posted to [CPF landing page](#).

What criteria are we using to make sure larger, more established organizations don't partner with smaller ones just to get the money? Are we looking at diversity of the organization? - How to stop "Point in time" diversity?

- o Process is intentionally designed to prioritize organizations who have NOT previously contracted with the county.



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- One question on application is about diversity certification question should help. As entities/orgs/ proposals are submitted, the narrative portion can address diversity of staff/board/clients, etc.

Is this one-time use funding? How are proposed projects viewed in context of one-time funding?

- They ARE one-time allocations
- Must be spent down by **December 31, 2024**

What are you looking for in applications? As it relates to on-going needs? After the funding period if over, the need still exists.

- We're looking at how does the project/program/org increase equity. Asking "How does it reduce harm?" " How does it address immediate or on-going need?" This is an intentionally broad process.
- Goal is to make the process very broad, expand who may be eligible for county funding/ contracts in the future.

Contract eligibility clarity:

- Funds will fall under subrecipient contract. Federal government sets reporting requirements, metrics, etc. We anticipate that smaller orgs may not be able to meet those requirements initially. Our goal is to support those organizations to meet the requirements. The year timeline is about expanding access and support.

Does that include funding support for orgs to get ready?

- Depends on the org/project. Those parameters will be set. We will also review ARPA requirements again.

Does it make sense for orgs who have received funding in the past to apply?

- That does not disqualify a proposal. But priority is given to orgs that have NOT previously received funding or contracted with Washtenaw County in the past.

Is there a specific budget template?

- No, because smaller orgs may not have the capacity or have existing templates. We only need clarity in proposal and need demonstrated. If you have a template, include it, if you do not, that's fine.

Is there a recommended range of funding?

- No range of funding. Funding categories yes, ranges, no.

What about orgs who are "held" by other orgs but not fiduciaries? Smaller, new org– not allowed to apply on their own due to umbrella organization's policies. Has to work with Office of Research and Development. How to communicate that we are in process of becoming an independent 501(c) 3?

- Please send a follow up email to Alize. We will ask county legal.



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Our program addresses homelessness (isn't in a zip code, not place attached). How would that affect eligibility?

- Minimum qualifications – if your populations fall into any of those categories, you may apply.

Investment – direct cash assistance to residents. Would a matching investment be something that is a possibility?

- If it meets the minimum requirements, proposal will be sent to community body for review. They will determine whether or not such a program gets funded, withing the ARPA guidelines.

Data evaluation: How will data evaluation go?

- We are hiring a Data/ Evaluation manager tasked with working solely with CPF funded initiatives. This is part of the 360 wraparound service we provide for awardees.
- On-going evaluation/ data collection to stay in compliance with ARPA requirements
- Check [sample documents](#) shared to landing page.

We work in many areas – are you sure you don't want separate applications?

- How would you want it (your proposal) evaluated? Would you want projects evaluated independently or collaboratively? There is no guarantee of funding of multiple category areas.

Do we need communicate that we would accept partial funding?

- You may, that is up to the needs of your program/organization.

Are applicants required to attend TA sessions?

- No, but strongly encouraged. They will also be posted to the site.
- Also note, all complete applications submitted within the application window will be evaluated the same.

What software does county use to collect data?

- The County has several different data collection systems and databases depending on the department and/or organizational need.

Are there restrictions on what funds cannot be used for? How board and flexible is the funding? What IS NOT allowed under the funding?

- We will confirm specific eligible fund uses and post to [FAQ's](#)