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Community Partnership Grants Q & A

Budget Questions

1. **Can we request funding for salaries?** Yes.

2. **Would we be excluded from consideration for the grant if we do not have a financial audit? Our agency's budget is small, so the expense is prohibitive.** No. Please upload a statement explaining your Agency's circumstances.

3. **Is it OK to request funding for start-up costs?** Yes. Funding may be used to get a new program up and running.

4. **Is it OK for funding to be used for operational costs?** Yes.

5. **Is there a cap on administrative costs?** Yes, 5%.

6. **Is it OK to request funding for interpreting services?** Yes.

7. **Is there a limit in terms of how much can be requested?** Yes, $500,000.

8. **Will partial grant funding be awarded?** Yes. If less funding is awarded than was requested, organizations will have an opportunity to revise their budget.

9. **If you receive funding from another County agency, can you still apply?** Yes.

10. **How much funding is available?** We do not know yet because we are in the midst of the budget cycle for 2020.

11. **How much funding awarded last year?** After removing statutorily required programs, about $2.5M.

12. **Is this a one year grant?** Yes.

13. **Is the grant funding issued by the United Way?** No. Grant funding is provided by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

14. **If any Board member is working full time for the program can we request a monthly salary for him/ her?** No. This is a potential conflict of interest.

15. **If some of the board members are working for the program, may we request money for stipends for them?** No. Board members are volunteers and as such should not receive

compensation for their service. In some cases reimbursement for expenses such as mileage may be appropriate.

16. **Can grant funds be used towards a deficit if that deficit is short-term and has a solution that is underway to prevent it in the future?** No.

Application Questions

17. **How many applications can an organization submit?** One per agency.

18. **Can a project be new or does it have to be in operation already**? Either is fine.

19. **Does the organization have to be based in Franklin County or operating in Franklin County?** An organization must be operating in Franklin County.

20. **Can I see the entire application?** Yes, it is posted in the Resource Center.

21. **Are collaborations OK?** Yes. We love to see this happen when practical.

22. **Do collaborators have to be based in Franklin County?** No.

23. **Are co-applicants OK?** Yes, with a lead agency.

24. **Are subcontracts OK?** Yes.

25. **If you received a Catalyst grant, can we still apply?** Yes.

26. **Is it OK to ask for funding for the same program that we have funded through the City of Columbus?** We do not want to duplicate efforts. You may request funding for the same program, but please request funding for a part of the program that does not receive support from the City of Columbus.

27. **How many sections are there in the application?**   The application has four major sections: Application Overview, Agency Level Forms, Attachments, and Program Level Forms.   After completing the Agency Profile you must create a program. The additional questions appear in the Program Section. You may view the application in its entirety in the Resource Section of the portal. If you require additional assistance, please contact the Help Desk: reporting.help@uwcentralohio.org.

28. **Is there a list of required attachments?** Yes. Register in the e-CImpact portal, and then then look under Agency Resources for the complete application.

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29. **Does each section have a limit on space?** Yes, there is a character or word count for each section.

30. **Why won't the system let me submit my application?** You probably haven't completed all of the required sections, or perhaps have not uploaded all required attachments. Check the Resource section of the portal to view the entire application to ensure you've answered all questions.

Review Questions

31. **When will application review be completed?** It is expected that applications will be reviewed by the end of November and applicants will be notified in mid to late December.

32. **Is there a scoresheet?** Yes. There is an evaluation tool.

33. **Can we see feedback? Yes.** You may request feedback from reviewers.

34. **Can we see the score sheet in advance?** No.

Miscellaneous Questions

35. **Is there a deadline for asking questions?** Yes. We will not answer questions after 10/25 so that questions and responses may be posted to the website.

36. **May we have a list of current Community Partners?** Yes. Please submit a request via email.

37. **Will reporting be done in the e-CImpact portal?** Yes, semi-annually.

38. **Is it OK if we have a program that offers a snack to participants?** Yes.

39. **Can you tell us a successful program that was funded in the past?** Yes, Cancer Support Community of Central Ohio, Mid-Ohio Foodbank, and many others.

40. **How many Catalyst applications were received versus funded?** One hundred fifty-five applications were received and 13 were funded.

41. **Is e-CImpact the same as Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services' Rio software?** No.

42. **How long can a program take to become self-sustaining?** We are making a one year commitment for funding. Beyond that, we do not have a set requirement.