

Community Reinvestment Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

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Who is eligible to apply for these funds?

Non-profit and not-for-profit organizations, as designated by the IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19).

If my organization receives funding, will we be required to sign a contract?

All organizations that receive funding will be required to sign a contract with Washoe County. The contract will include language about data reporting and performance expectations.

If my organization receives funding, how long do we have to spend funds?

Community Reinvestment Grant projects are active for one year for Small Grants and up to 24 months for Standard Grants from the award notification date. Our team and your organization will determine your program's best performance start date. October 1, 2022, will be the performance start date for community reinvestment grants.

What will be our reporting requirements if my organization is awarded funding through this process?

Organizations will be required to provide quarterly activity and financial reporting regarding the use of funds, project impact, and populations served. The organization should follow federal procurement laws and ensure that funds charged to the grant are allowable and allocable to the grant determined by your Board of County Commissioners' approved scope of work and budget.

What criteria will be used to evaluate my application?

Criteria that may be used to evaluate applications include, but are not limited to: project impact, area of the County to be served, the population of the County to be served, alignment with multiple Board goals and/or guiding principles of ARPA and matching or in-kind contributions available to support the project.

My organization does not have a valid nonprofit status. Can we use a fiscal sponsor?

If your organization is not a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) nonprofit, you may use a fiscal sponsor to receive funds for your project. Your fiscal sponsor will be subject to accounting best principles and financial monitoring. Your fiscal sponsor must also be registered on SAM.gov and have a UEI#. Additionally, they will be a part of your team's reporting structure and provide detailed financial reports for draw requests. Lastly, the fiscal sponsor must follow federal procurement rules in compliance with the 2CFR200 Uniform Guidance.

If using a Fiscal Sponsor, your organization must have a written agreement or note signed by both entities stating that they are willing to serve as the fiscal sponsor.

Are Fiscal Sponsors eligible for their own grants in addition to grants they are sponsoring?

Yes. Fiscal Sponsors are eligible to apply for their own projects in addition to the projects they are sponsoring. The Sponsor must be willing to take on the financial risk and responsibility of passing funds through to the entity while working with the entity to provide financial reports and submit draw requests for allocable grant expenses.

My organization is not registered on SAM.gov or have its Unique Entity Identifier. Can we still apply?

Yes. Your organization can apply for the community grant but must initiate obtaining a UEI # now. In your application, please note your UEI status. We recognize that the federal government is processing thousands of SAM.gov registrations to access ARPA dollars. We will waive this requirement during the application phase but will not pay out funding until your organization is actively registered on SAM.gov with a UEI #.

What is a Certificate of Good Standing Nevada Business License?

An active Nevada Business License issued by the Secretary of State is sufficient for the grant program.

Can I submit letters of support?

Yes. There is a section at the end of the grant application for your organization to attach additional documentation supporting your grant application. Letters of support and other documentation are NOT REQUIRED. However, we will review them if you provide them as a part of your application.

Will there be a second round of funding?

There is no guarantee that funding will be available for the second round of ARPA-SLFRF grants. These funds are one-time, and \$4 million has been set aside for community grants.

How should the Edit Goals section be filled out?

There are various goals listed on the grant application portal. For that section of the application, you may either leave it blank or use the same number of units for each of the goals that your project fulfills with the units of your choice. For example, if your project impacts 100 individuals and falls under the Address economic impacts spurred

or exacerbated by the pandemic goal, put 100 in the target email. For example:

Application Goals

Program: Washoe County Community Reinvestment Grant Program
Project name:

Goal / Objective	Target Units	Direct Cost Expenditure	Matching Expenditure	Program Income Expenditure
Address economic impacts spurred or exacerbated by the pandemic	100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

What does budget scalability mean?

Scalability refers to the project's budget ability to be increased or decreased without compromising the project. For example, if Washoe County didn't award the full amount requested, would it nullify the project.