

## **RUBRIC COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTS PROGRAM AUGUST 2021**

### **Overview**

In August 2021, the Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund's Community Needs Grants program will provide an opportunity for Delaware nonprofits to apply for general operating grants to support efforts to "re-open," return to "normal operations," or expand operations as the effects of pandemic are ongoing.

This is the final planned Community Needs grant opportunity.

Our goal is to fund a mix of organizations in communities across Delaware and to support organizations working in a range of fields addressing an array of challenges. Each successful applicant is eligible for a grant of up to \$15,000 per organization.

### Organization Eligibility

- Organizations must be actively providing services.
- Must be a 501(c)(3) public charity in good standing.
- 100% of the requested amount must benefit Delaware communities.
- **Organizations are not eligible to apply this round if they received a general operating grant in the March 2021 or May 2021 rounds.**
- Organizations are eligible to apply if they received funding previously from the Delaware COVID-19 Strategic Response Fund (March 2020 – September 2020).

Applications must adhere to the guidelines. Applications will be evaluated in the following categories:

- Demonstrated Need
- Mission Impact / Use of Funds

<b>Demonstrated Need</b>			
<p><b>COVID's Impact</b></p> <p>Does the application include a description of how COVID-19's ongoing impacts have affected the organization's ability to fully meet its mission?</p>	<p>5 points</p> <p>Clear and acceptable explanations related to COVID are provided. Services impacted are clear and relate to the pandemic.</p>	<p>3 points</p> <p>Most significant variations are explained and relate to COVID. Services impacted are not clearly detailed.</p>	<p>0 points</p> <p>Services impacted aren't related to the pandemic or are not addressed.</p>
<p><b>Demonstrated Need</b></p> <p>Does the application provide clear explanation of how grant funding would allow the organization to "re-open," return to pre-COVID service levels, or expand service to its population?</p>	<p>5 points</p> <p>Clear and acceptable explanations related to how the organization plans to progress and overcome the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 are provided, including measurable data and results. Clear case for grant funding is provided, and is COVID-related (not "business as usual").</p>	<p>3 points</p> <p>Generally clear explanations on how the organization plans to move forward are provided. Some measurable data and results are included. Demonstrated need for grant funding is vague, or not clearly COVID-related.</p>	<p>0 points</p> <p>Application lacks clear or compelling explanation of how the organization plans to overcome ongoing COVID-19 impacts, nor how grant funding would support it.</p>

<b>Mission Impact/Use of Funds</b>			
<p><b>Mission Impact</b></p> <p>Did the organization describe the measurable impact it is providing, especially for communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, which will be supported by this grant?</p>	<p>5 points</p> <p>Organization clearly defines its constituents and the challenges they face, and is clear about how the organization serves communities most affected by the pandemic. Specific goals, outcomes, and data are included, which the organization uses to measure impact.</p>	<p>3 points</p> <p>Organization's definition of constituents and their challenges is vague. Constituents include mostly communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Some specific goals, outcomes, and for measuring organization's impact are included.</p>	<p>0 points</p> <p>Organization is unclear about population served, and/or need for service is unclear. Communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 are not part of the organization's constituency. Application lacks clear goals, outcomes, and/or data used for measuring organization's impact.</p>

<p><b>Use of Grant Funding</b> Did the organization provide clear, specific information about the intended use of this grant?</p>	<p>5 points</p> <p>The application clearly articulates how this request will help the organization benefit the community and achieve its stated goals and outcomes. Intended use is to overcome COVID-related challenges (not for “business as usual”).</p>	<p>3 points</p> <p>The application is vague or incomplete in how this request will help the organization benefit the community and achieve its stated goals and outcomes. Intended use is not clearly COVID-related.</p>	<p>0 points</p> <p>The application does not clearly define how the grant will support the organization in serving the community and achieving its stated goals and outcomes.</p>
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