



*Helping Families,
Strengthening Communities*

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CSBG CARES ACT

INITIAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Question 1: When the RFP says the grant cannot support executive salaries or fringe benefits, does it mean executive fringe benefits or all fringe benefits?

This is referring to executive fringe benefits. All salaries proposed should be able to clearly show staff providing a direct service that produce outcomes of the project.

Question 2: Can a contractual person be hired to administer the program?

In this first phase of the RFP process, we welcome initial applications that demonstrate a range of creative approaches to serve underserved communities and their families in sustainable ways. We place a premium on the engagement of low-income communities and families in the development and implementation of these programs knowing that user and participant feedback increases quality. HCHRA will accept applications to address the needs identified in its Community Strengths and Needs Assessment.

The primary focus should be on delivering results to overcome local needs that have been expanded by COVID-19. The vision of plans should be able to document how the newly proposed project can begin to change systems that have lasting sustainability well beyond the life of this grant. If the use of a contractual person can show how the program will both produce immediate outcomes as well as begin the development of a system that creates lasting opportunities, then the salary could be a viable expense.

Question 3: Can the grant be used to fund home repair, demolition or vacant lot clean up? Can it be use for construction on multi-house units if that complex is owned by low-income person?

Community Service Block Grant dollars may not be used for the purchase or improvement of land, or the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement (other than low-cost residential weatherization or other energy-related home repairs) of any building or other facility. (LII U.S.

Code Title 42. THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE Chapter 106. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM Section 9918. Limitations on use of funds)

Funding under this request for any construction must be limited to health and safety and be able to document they are energy-related home repairs. The dual roles of meeting our goal of Healthy Housing must make homes of low-income homeowners safer and more energy efficient, and the program must serve as a training venue to teach unemployed individuals with limited education or work experience job skills that will help them obtain work. Any project proposed under this area must ensure that low-income homeowners are provided the benefit of home equity growth and not expand an agency's own housing portfolio.

Question 4: If an agency is funded, will the funds be awarded directly or on a reimbursement basis?

Reimbursement. Organization must also be willing to undergo on site monitoring from HCHRA as well as provide an independent audit report with no findings.

Question 5: Multiple questions regarding specific types of projects.

HCHRA will not answer any program or proposal specific questions. The purpose of the RFP is to provide an opportunity for organizations to share their creative opportunities to create new systems to help overcome pandemics for low income people. The review team will give additional consideration for proposals that include mass community and partner involvement.

The second round of the application process will include more in-depth discuss on funding needs as well specific proposal development.