



Fairfax County
Department of Neighborhood and Community Services

PROGRAM BRIEFING
2022 ARPA Nonprofit
Sustainability Grants

June 16, 2022

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- Funding source: Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- \$6 million total will be awarded to nonprofits
- Past Initiatives for nonprofits:
 - Fall, 2020: Non-Profit Safety Net Sustainability Grant Program (NSG): funded by the CARES Act
 - Fall, 2021 Active and Thriving Community Grants ATC: Funded by ARPA

Application Information

- The initial application process will open in **July**.
- Information about the application process will be available soon.
- The application consists of three phases:
 - Phase 1: Initial Eligibility Check
 - Phase 2: Submission of required documentation
 - Phase 3: Submission of eligible expense invoices
- If more applicants apply than funding permits, a lottery will be held to select eligible recipients at conclusion of Phase 1.

Grant Timeline

1. Application process opens July 2022
2. Application process closes August 2022
3. Notification of awards and requests for budgets
September 2022
4. Award disbursement October 2022

Specific dates will be provided as soon as they are available

Award Levels

Nonprofit Size	Grant Level
Organizations with less than 1 full-time equivalent employee	\$10,000
Organizations with 1 – 10 full time equivalent employees	\$25,000
Organizations with 11 – 25 full time equivalent employees	\$50,000
Organizations with greater than 25 full time equivalent employees	\$75,000

Allocation Prioritization

- If funding is available, all eligible organizations will be awarded.
- If eligible applicants exceed available funding, the first awarded grants will go to the nonprofits that serve vulnerable communities using a lottery system, if necessary.
- If additional funding remains, there will be a lottery for all remaining applicants.

What can funding be used for?

Funding **MUST** be used to sustain or evolve the grant awardee's business:

- Mitigate financial hardship (e.g., declines in revenues or negative financial impacts due to periods of business closure).

This includes:

- Supporting payroll and benefits costs
- Costs to retain employees
- Mortgage
- Rent
- Utilities Costs
- Other business critical operating costs as determined by the County

- Implement COVID-19 prevention or mitigation strategies such as:

- Physical changes to enable social distance
- Enhanced cleaning efforts
- Barriers or partitions

Criteria for all applicants

Minimum eligibility requirements:

- Must serve residents of Fairfax County. Fairfax County includes the Towns of Herndon, Vienna, and Clifton.
- Must have been in business prior to March 1, 2020.
- Must meet the U.S Department of Treasury definition of “nonprofit.”
- Must be an organization providing social safety net services in at least one of the FY 22-23 Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) categories.

Questions?

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