Fairfax County Announces Social Safety Net Nonprofit Sustainability Grants (NSG) Program

The Fairfax County <u>Board of Supervisors</u> has established a \$5 million fund to support 501(c)3 and 501(c)19 nonprofit organizations, whose primary work currently supports social safety net services to vulnerable populations within Fairfax County.

Called the Nonprofit Sustainability Grants (NSG) program, it will offer grants to qualified nonprofit organizations in one of three amounts, \$25,000, \$50,000 and \$75,000, depending on the size of the organization and operating budget. The program will be funded with stimulus funds from the federal CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Non-profits that function as a part of Fairfax County's social safety net provide support in the areas of Financial Stability, Food and Nutrition, Literary/Educational Attainment, Health, Housing, Positive Behaviors and Healthy Relationships, and/or Support/Community/Social Networks and are focused on primarily serving people from communities who are more vulnerable to self-sufficiency problems, including people with limited income; immigrants and refugees; people with disabilities; and people who are historically subject to disparate access to opportunities.

"Nonprofit organizations are a critical part of the county's social safety net, working closely with us to serve the most vulnerable in our communities. These grants will help them continue to provide services and maintain operations throughout the COVID-19 pandemic," said Chairman Jeff McKay. "We are delighted to be able to support them as they support our community."

The grant application process is expected to begin May 15, 2020 and conclude at 2:00 p.m. on May 22, 2020. To be eligible, applicants must: be recognized as a 501(c)3 or 501(c)19 nonprofit organization, according to the Internal Revenue Code; serve Fairfax County residents; currently operate as part of Fairfax County's social safety net; and submit a complete application, including their most recent IRS 990 Form.

The size of the Nonprofit Sustainability Grant award would be based on the organization's size with the following structure:

Small: \$25,000Medium: \$50,000Large: \$75,000

The grant can cover:

- Employee Retention;
- Equipment and Materials;
- Rent Payments;
- Debt Payments; and/or

• Technology Upgrades.

This program will be administered by the Department of Procurement and Material Management and the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/procurement/nsgrant, email dpmmnsgrant@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-2861.