

**COVID-19 Nonprofit Resilience and Sustainability Grant Program
Frequently Asked Questions
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Thank you for submitting your questions via email. Questions have been consolidated, with responses covering all questions asked. **This is the last round of FAQs and Responses.** Please refer to www.vmcfoundation.org/cvgrants for the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Request for Proposals, a link to the application portal, recording of the webinar held on November 9, 2022, and a copy of the slides from the webinar.

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Important Dates & Timelines

When is the deadline for proposals?

Application submissions will close on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 4:00pm PST.

What are the timeframes for Resilience and Sustainability?

Resilience - All awarded funds must be expended between March 1, 2023, and February 29, 2024 (12 months). Any unused funds at the deadline must be returned to the VMC Foundation.

Sustainability - All awarded funds must be expended between March 1, 2023, and August 31, 2024 (18 months). Any unused funds at the deadline must be returned to the VMC Foundation.

Since this is the last FAQ and Response, what do we do if we have additional questions between now and the application deadline?

We suggest you review all prior FAQs and Responses, as someone may have already asked a similar question. You may also send an email to cv19rsgrant@hhs.sccgov.org; however, we cannot guarantee a response.

Note regarding SAM.gov issuance of UEI number:

The turnaround time for activating a SAM.gov UEI number is longer than usual. Please know that an active number is not required for the submission of an application, but proof of a pending application is required if you do not already have a UEI. For awardees, an active UEI number will be required prior to contract finalization.

Eligibility

No Questions and Responses (12/9)

Prior Questions and Responses (12/2)

May we defer to the SLFRF Final Rule to determine an agency's eligibility and/or costs that would be eligible? (in other words: Is the Final Rule, the final rule?)

The Final Rule provides the recipient of the ARPA funds (Santa Clara County) the flexibility to determine the use of funds that meet the needs of the community. The County Board of Supervisors approved the specific use of these funds for 1) funding to assist nonprofits to address the negative economic impacts of pandemic-caused losses or under-investment in organizational infrastructure, and 2) funding to assist nonprofits with planning or implementation of organizational change to strengthen racial equity, diversity, and inclusion within organizational operations and/or in the provision of services or programming in the community.

The Final Rule is the final to the recipient, aka Santa Clara County.

Must an organization prove that the population served is eligible for Children's Health Insurance Program or Childcare Subsidies through Child Care and Development Fund if these populations reside in qualified census tracts?

No. If the population resides in a QCT, it is "presumed" (as defined in the Final Rule) that the organization was disproportionately impacted.

If an applicant primarily serves residents in a qualified census tract, will they be eligible regardless of whether or not they endured economic loss during the pandemic?

Yes. If an organization serves residents in a QCT, it is "presumed" (as defined in the Final Rule) that the organization was disproportionately impacted and could be eligible for projects that strengthen the organizational infrastructure to sustain or improve the delivery of services in these disproportionately impacted communities.

Will this funding cover infrastructure costs for legal service agencies? including legal service agencies that did not / are not addressing eviction issues?

501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) nonprofit organizations that can demonstrate negative economic impact due to the pandemic are eligible for infrastructure costs.

May a grantee charge eligible expenses backdating to May 3, 2021?

Yes. Under the Resilience category, eligible, unreimbursed expenses as of March 17, 2020 are eligible. Under Sustainability, eligible unreimbursed costs as of March 3, 2021 are eligible.

Is there any particular method we should use to determine economic loss during the pandemic? If an org increased its revenue AND its expenses, would a resulting deficit indicate economic loss? Or is there another means of calculating economic loss?

No, the method will depend on the situation. With regard to this question, if an organization increased its revenue and expenses, a resulting deficit would indicate economic loss. Other situations might call for different methods.

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

Do organizations need to demonstrate a decrease in revenue or overall budget during the pandemic?

Organizations must demonstrate a negative economic impact. Please refer to the NOFA, Section 3, Page 7, Eligibility Requirements.

Does the non-profit organization need to be located within Santa Clara County to qualify? Or can we qualify if we serve residents of Santa Clara County?

Organizations must have a facility in Santa Clara County, primarily operate in Santa Clara County, or serve populations located in Santa Clara County.

If the non-profit has a multi-county footprint, can we still apply? If so, can the money be applied to the whole agency rather than a Santa Clara County-specific service line only?

The organization can apply as long as there is a facility located in, or you serve populations located in Santa Clara County. The grant would be for Santa Clara County specific services only.

Is there a standard definition of negatively impacted? or is this a subjective evaluation from the grants review committee.

Please refer to the NOFA, Section 3, page 7, Eligibility Requirements.

Is experience with SAM.gov funding a prerequisite to receiving this grant?

SAM.gov is not a funding source. SAM.gov issues the Systems for Awards Management Unique Entity ID.

Our 501 c was birthed during COVID _ our IRS Determination Letter and 501 c status became effective 08/2021, do we qualify to apply for either category?

Your organization will need to demonstrate that you had a negative economic impact due to Covid-19.

Do organizations need to be in a particular service sector? For example, do you have to be in health services? Are small arts groups eligible?

An organization does not need to be providing services in a particular sector in order to be eligible, but must be a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19).

I am curious to know what the requirements are of the non-profit. Would a 501(c)(6) qualify, such as a business association in an underserved business corridor?

Under SLFRF, the U.S. Treasury eligible nonprofit organizations are those with 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) designations.

Can faith-based organizations partake in this?

Yes, if they are a 501(c)(3) public benefit organization and if they do not proselytize (ie, insist that people must adhere or convert to a particular faith).

Are nonprofit, private schools eligible for consideration as the document discusses maintaining vital public service?

As detailed in the Notice of Funding Availability, this program is intended to assist local nonprofits in recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and to build a more sustainable responsive organization that provides greater impact to the community they serve. To clarify, this funding is not for the provision of services. Instead it is for the strengthening of the organization to continue to provide these much needed services. Applicants must have a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) public benefit designation.

Charter schools are usually non-profits, can they apply for this funding?

Yes, as long as they have a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) public benefit designation.

What is 2 CFR 200.214 Suspension and Debarment?

An organization cannot have been suspended or debarred or otherwise excluded from participating in federal assistance programs. Please refer to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for further details.

Our organization is located in East Palo Alto. We serve families from Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Would we be eligible to apply for the COVID-19 Nonprofit resiliency grant?

The funds are not available to pay for services. However if you lost revenue due to closure, you may be eligible. You would need to show the average % of Santa Clara County clients assisted.

Most of our students live in either San Mateo or Alameda Counties; however, we have approximately 20 students who are Santa Clara County residents. We would like to use our Sustainability grant to plan for program expansion into Santa Clara County to serve more Santa Clara County residents, the vast majority of whom would be students of

color. Would our program, currently serving 20 Santa Clara County residents and intending to use our Sustainability grant to fund expansion planning, be viable under this funding? Or are you looking to fund programs that currently serve a greater number of county residents?

This funding is not for service provision. If the intent is to open or expand a facility in Santa Clara County, funding for purposes of such expansion planning would fall under Resilience. The funding request would need to be proportionate to the use by residents of Santa Clara County.

As a result of the pandemic, nonprofit organizations such as private, independent day schools have increased services while generating and receiving significantly less revenue. Nonprofit schools are building alternative revenue streams to become more sustainable. Would the COVID Nonprofit Resilience and Sustainability Grant support private schools to create alternative revenue sources to offer programs and workshops to train teachers in low income schools that fall under the Santa Clara County QCT?

The nonprofit school must be for public benefit. Grant funds can be used to strengthen the nonprofit organization's infrastructure, including adapting to a fee for service structure or developing expertise in digital campaigning. Grant funds can also support training for staff that will assist the public benefit nonprofit to become more accessible, equitable, diverse, and inclusive and/or to provide more accessible, equitable, diverse, and inclusive services.

If we are receiving a different (direct service) ARPA grant concurrently, are we still eligible for these grants?

Yes. These funds are to support organizational infrastructure and/or to implement organizational change to strengthen racial equity, diversity, and inclusion in organizational operations and service provision.

What if there is not a negative impact to the non-profit but to the clients that you are working with? Are we eligible?

No. Please refer to the NOFA, Section 3, Page 7, Eligibility Requirements.

Can we demonstrate an increased need to qualify? We weren't negatively impacted by the pandemic directly, but our wait-list for services has tripled.

You would need to come up with a project that can strengthen the organization and allow it to more efficiently serve your clients. The funds are not for services, they are to be used for strengthening your infrastructure. Please refer to the NOFA, Section 3, Page 7, Eligibility Requirements.

Funding Categories

No Questions and Responses (12/9)

No Questions and Responses (12/2)

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

How is Resilience defined?

Please refer to the NOFA, Section 2, Page 5, Resilience.

How is Sustainability defined?

Please refer to the NOFA, Section 2, Page 6, Sustainability.

Can Resilience and/or Sustainability funds be used for services?

No. For both categories, the funds are to support the organization. Funding is not for the provision of services. As detailed in the Notice of Funding Availability, this program is to assist local nonprofits in recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and to build a more sustainable, responsive organization that provides greater impact to the community served.

If we have two needs within a category, can we request funds for both purposes? Or must we choose one?

You can request funds for two different needs within a category. For example, if you want to implement a strategic planning process and you also want to work on board governance, you would need to put those together and show the two different projects.

What determines organizational need regarding the Resilience funding area?

Organizational need can be in many forms. The purpose is to assist the eligible nonprofits with recovery and building back stronger. Nonprofits faced significant challenges because of the pandemic, including increased demand for services and changing operational needs. Many diverted cash-on-hand earmarked for other operational/infrastructure needs. If your organization experienced negative economic impacts as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, that could have resulted in financial hardships and may require assistance to gain financial stability. As services open to more in-person activities, the need could be to modify office/service space to mitigate COVID-19.

Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)

No Questions and Responses (12/9)

Prior Questions and Responses (12/2)

We are applicable under the QCT requirement. How do we demonstrate that information (it is not clear in the application)? Do we list all zip codes served under the QCT's mapped? Do we select 2021 or 2022?

Please list the QCT numbers that you see once you follow the steps in the application and in the 11/18 FAQ Response. You do not need to list the zip codes, just the applicable census tract numbers under the 2022 calendar year.

We serve schools/districts whose catchment (attendance) areas may include one or more: complete QCTs, partial QCTs where part of a QCT overlaps into another school/district attendance area, complete Unqualified Census Tracts (UCTs), and partial UCTs. We also serve several "Alternative Education" or "Continuation" schools. Our interpretation is that we should list any QCTs that are in whole or in part within our catchment (attendance) areas. Is that interpretation correct? Should we list all the complete and partial QCTs for the district given we provide services at the Alternative/Continuation schools?

Yes, that interpretation is correct. Please list all the QCTs and describe your service areas.

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

How do we determine if we qualify as a Qualified Census Tract or serve those within a QCT?

Find out if you are located in or serve QCTs:

[https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda_qct.html?locate=\\$fips\\$](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sadda/sadda_qct.html?locate=$fips$)

Enter the address and click **Go**

Then under **Map Options** please select:

Color QCT Qualified Tracts

Show Tracts Outline

Do we need to register to be a QCT or is it automatic if our population qualifies?

No, you do not need to register to be a QCT. QCTs are areas designated by HUD.

Is there a preference for organizations operating in QCTs?

Yes, during evaluation of the application, preference points will be awarded to organizations within a QCT and/or serving the communities within a QCT. Please refer to the NOFA, Section 1, Page 3, Equity Considerations.

Please note that an organization does not need to be within a QCT and/or providing services in a QCT in or to be eligible for the program.

For QCT preference points, your physical office does not need to be within the QCT, but you must be providing services to communities within a QCT.

Is priority given to organizations in the QCTs most affected by Covid?

Yes, HUD has defined QCTs as communities that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID.

Eligible Uses

New Questions and Responses (12/9)

Would the development of plans to create and establish a cultural district in east san jose be an eligible use of sustainability funding?

Please refer to the Notice of Funding Availability, General Guidelines and Funding Categories and Eligible Uses sections, pages 4-6. Your application would need to detail what the program intends to do, who it will assist, how it will provide racial equity within an impacted community, and plans for additional funding to create the district (if your proposal is just for the planning piece).

My client’s nonprofit is dedicated to helping the County strengthen its public health infrastructure by recruiting and training a diverse group of nurses. Would this be something applicable to this grant?

If the nonprofit is a 501(c)(3) and can demonstrate that it was negatively impacted by the pandemic, this might be eligible. The application needs to demonstrate how this training program would benefit communities that were impacted by the pandemic.

If we had to significantly increase our staffing due to the need for our food programs because of the pandemic, what sort of detail is needed for the project budget? What category would the scaled staffing request fall under? (Resilience and Sustainability)

This would fall under Resilience. The budget would need to demonstrate the increase in staff costs and that those costs were not reimbursed or funded by any other sources

Can we apply for support for a program that was created and disseminated only during the pandemic? Would staff time to create and disseminate this program qualify for reimbursement? How about materials needed for provision of services of this program?

Yes. The agency must still be in existence. The program and expenses must not have been reimbursed or funded through other sources.

About 40% of the school's population lives in Santa Clara County. Should we include the percentage of Santa Clara county residents that we serve as well as the number of residents who live within a QCT?

Please provide documentation to support your request.

For any of the available funding categories, are the following costs allowable: vehicle purchase, equipment purchase, and personnel costs (staff salaries) for staffing to launch a home delivered meals program in Santa Clara County?

If this is the creation of a new program to benefit a vulnerable community, yes, these costs might be eligible. The vehicle and equipment purchase will need to go through a procurement process, either your organization's procurement policy or federal procurement policy, whichever is more stringent. Please refer to 2 CFR 200.318 to .320 regarding federal procurement policies. Regarding staff salaries, please refer to prior FAQs for ongoing salaries after launch.

Would a vehicle request that is needed to bolster our infrastructure/programs fall under Resilience and Sustainability? What sort of documentation would you be looking for in terms of budget? Would a vehicle request be eligible?

This would fall under Resilience. Please refer to the above question about procurement and to prior FAQs about vehicles.

Can grant funds be used to create a brand identity and a robust marketing campaign for the organization?

Your proposal would need to describe how these activities will strengthen your organization's reach to impacted communities and enable your organization and programs to become more accessible, equitable, diverse, and inclusive.

In the resilience grant, fortifying IT is an example of an eligible use for the grant funds. Can grant funds be used to further communication infrastructure?

Yes, Resilience funds can be used to strengthen communication infrastructure provided that these systems strengthen your organization's reach to impacted communities and enable your organization and programs to become more accessible, equitable, diverse, and inclusive.

We wanted to ask about a possible funding request idea. We would like to propose that a portion of one of the grants be set aside for a Fundraising Professional (possibly a Fundraising Consultant). When Covid hit, our organization had to greatly pivot and stepped up to assist with Covid relief for our community. Much of our funding is now dedicated to Covid support and recovery and we have been unable to fundraise to support our organization's general fund and previous programs. We would hugely benefit from a professional helping us develop a fundraising and marketing plan to tap into our local private donor opportunities. Does this sound like something that is in line with the goals of either of the grants?

Technical assistance, advice, or other services to assist with business planning needs are eligible, including strengthening post-pandemic donation campaigns.

We hired a fundraising consultancy in 2021 to help develop a development strategy including major gifts, grant writing and database cleanup to help shore up our fundraising plan and strengthen revenue. Would that be a qualifying expense for this grant program?

Yes, as long as the cost incurred was after March 3, 2021, and the funds requested are to strengthen an organization that experienced negative economic impact due to COVID.

Would a series of community building/anti-racist workshops for our board and volunteers, opening to other non-profits and/or local community members be considered services? Can the grant help us pay for donor events or would those be considered services?

These activities appear to fall under the Sustainability category. Please refer to the NOFA, Section 2, Sustainability, page 5. This grant cannot be used to help pay for donor events.

The pandemic created the need to shift our programs from 100% in-person to 100% online, thus we needed to take on technology subscriptions (Zoom, VolunteerHub, Insightly, Canvas, Bill.com, Expensify, etc) - this sudden change caused a financial hardship to the organization. Same situation with the California requirement of a digital allowance for staff working from home, which for us only became the case starting with the pandemic. - Could the Resilience fund 1 year of annual subscription for each?

Yes. Resilience funds can be used for pandemic-caused expenses that have not been reimbursed and/or those that will continue to facilitate the delivery of services to impacted communities through the term of the grant agreement (February 29, 2024).

With the pandemic, Development moved from in-person to virtual and this shift required ED training by a consultancy. Prior to 2024, we plan for further ED development training for the post-pandemic world. Would this fall into the Resilience or Sustainability category, or neither?

Development (fundraising) training would be eligible. If the training is to strengthen operations, it would fall under Resilience; if it is to assist the organization to become more accessible, equitable, diverse, and inclusive, it would fall under Sustainability. Please refer to the Notice of Funding Availability, Section 2, Funding Categories and Eligible Uses, page 5-6.

We had to maintain a minimum amount of staff while programs/services were closed for 2.5 years; therefore, we had no revenue to help cover the salaries. Are those personnel expenses eligible for funding?

Yes, if those expenses were not reimbursed and your organization can demonstrate economic loss.

The examples provided in the NOFA for Sustainability projects are mostly DEI-focused. Would costs of delayed facility repairs/improvements related to rebuilding programs to make them sustainable be eligible?

The term "Sustainability" refers to the type of projects described in this Funding Category and not to the general term sustainability.

If funds were diverted from maintenance to respond to the pandemic, these diverted funds could be eligible, provided they were not reimbursed or funded by other means.

Please refer to the Notice of Funding Availability, Funding Categories and Eligible Uses, pages 5 and 6, and take note of the section related to construction projects.

To meet our DEI strategic goals, we hired a DEI Manager in May 2021 to (among other things) develop and implement training. Can we request funding for that position's salary from May 2021-now?

Yes, this would fall under Sustainability. The application will need to be clear about steps taken up to now and anticipated outcomes of strengthening organizational operations and provision of service through a racial equity, diversity, and inclusion lens. Continuation of training could also be eligible.

To ensure sustainability of our organization, we entered into an affiliation agreement with another organization. Would leadership staff costs and other direct costs related to the affiliation be eligible?

Yes. Only costs associated with the affiliation and its completion, including associated staff costs.

Can the funds be applied and used for the whole agency if they operate across counties or do the funds have to be used specifically for a Santa Clara County-specific service line only?

The funds need to be used specifically to strengthen Santa Clara County service line operations.

Prior Questions and Responses (12/2)

When the pandemic hit in March 2020, our organization increased service. While this created a negative organizational impact, we were able to scale up and as such actually increased our revenue for the past two years. The organization was disproportionately affected by the pandemic in that we had to hire additional staff and move to a larger facility to accommodate the need - a need that is still profound. Given that we actually increased revenue but need to boost our infrastructure to remain sustainable, do we meet the grant qualifications?

If revenue increased due to Covid funding and you incurred increased costs (uncompensated) that you did not have prior to the pandemic, you would be eligible.

If your organization operates in a QCT, it is “presumed” (as defined in the Final Rule) that the organization was disproportionately impacted and therefore could be eligible. Please refer to the NOFA, Section 3, Page 7, Eligibility Requirements.

Can grant funds be used to cover childcare costs for clients so they can work?

No.

Can grant funds be used to cover childcare costs for staff so they can work in the office?

No.

If we have a program that would fit under either Resilience or Sustainability, could we apply for both grants and include the same program?

Yes. The use of the funds needs to fall within the funding category. Two applications would need to be submitted.

We are a food security organization, and we have taken on significant food inventory related expenses over the past two years that have continued in recent months. What in terms of these expenses are eligible per the grant? Can we use the grant to help with prior expenses in terms of food inventory or can it only be used for projections for future need?

If you can demonstrate that your additional food expenses were not reimbursed, those costs would be eligible.

Due to the increased demand for our services we had to hire a significant amount of support in terms of full time employees. Are we able to write for employee salaries that were hired during the pandemic?

For employees hired to meet increased demand due to Covid, staff costs that were funded through the organization's cash flow and were not reimbursed or funded through other Covid-related sources would be eligible.

The RFP refers to the fact that "Economic or disproportionate impacts must have been incurred after March 17, 2020 (for resilience) and after March 3, 2021 (for sustainability)." However, the fiscal years in which we incurred those costs have already been closed, meaning we can't use funds from this grant to defray/pay for those specific costs, unless we were somehow able to use the grant funds to reimburse our reserves (which is an ineligible expense for this grant). Given that, I am wondering how the costs/economic impacts we incurred in previous fiscal years are supposed to be reflected (if at all) in the project and/or the project budget we propose. Meaning what type of connection do you need us to show between those previous costs/economic impacts and the proposed project if any? Or can they be unrelated? (Note: This is the clarification of the last question in this section from the 11/18 Responses.)

If your organization can provide receipts for costs that were not reimbursed, and this caused a financial hardship, thereby depleting cash-on-hand, they could be replaced. Replenishing "reserves" that may be set aside for a capital improvement project or operational is not eligible.

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

The guidelines indicate that expenses must have been incurred after March 17, 2020 (for Resilience) and March 2021 (for Sustainability). Is it possible to apply for funds for projects that were completed already, for example for equipment purchased or facility reconfigurations early in the pandemic, or do the projects still need to be ongoing?

If not reimbursed by insurance or other funding sources, and the expense incurred was to address Covid, your organization could apply for funding.

Can you get reimbursed for equipment and systems that were purchased during the pandemic?

Yes, if those items were necessary to support a change in operational practices during the pandemic.

Page eight of the NOFA states that funding shall not be used to supplant other committed funding sources. Would it be possible to please define the term "supplant" in the context of this RFP?

To supplant is to replace funds that have already been funded or committed to a project. For example, if you received funding or a bona-fide commitment letter to fund this proposed project, but the other funding source was more flexible, you can not replace the more flexible funds with these funds.

When the pandemic hit, we increased services to distribute to those experiencing food insecurity. Thanks to an outpouring of community support, we were able to scale up and as such actually increased our revenue for the past two years. The organization, however, was disproportionately affected by the pandemic in that we had to hire additional staff and move to a larger facility to accommodate the need - a need that is still profound. We are now looking to boost our fundraising and marketing to keep up with ongoing demand.

Given that we actually increased revenue but need to boost our infrastructure to remain sustainable, do we meet the grant qualifications?

Yes, if your organization can demonstrate that additional staff and expansion of your facility were not reimbursed by other funding sources.

What kind of “proof” would you be looking for to demonstrate that a project would “strengthen our infrastructure” (i.e., are you looking for specific measurable outcomes) and, if so, do those outcomes need to be tied in some way to delivery of services and/or service numbers?

Measurable outcomes should include what you plan to do as well as a description of how it will help your organization. They do not need to be tied to the delivery of services or service numbers, but a side result of this project to strengthen your organization may yield enhanced services and/or increased service numbers. For example, if funds are used to develop expertise in digital fundraising, a byproduct may be increased revenue available for an increase in services.

Do we need to pay directly for any services/materials we apply for funds for? We are looking at replenishing books that went home to kids, or funding anti-racist training for teachers.

Yes, you will need to provide documentation of the expenses incurred. Replenishing high need inventory is eligible, but you will need to document your inventory prior to COVID-19 and current. You can also offer racial equity training to staff and to your stakeholders that will assist you in furthering your mission.

We recently began a theory of change: Can we apply for funds retroactively?

Yes, as long as expenses were incurred after March 3, 2021.

We are trying to understand how to apply for these funds. We are an organization with a board of about 50% BIPOC and 50% White. Our programs contract BIPOC women from the community who have never had the opportunity to hold formal space in decision making for programs, nor have they had the opportunity in the past to formally work. We would like to continue to offer this leadership development program and expand it to include more people from the community. I wonder if we can use the Sustainability funds for this project?

Yes, if this leadership development program expands decision-making within your organization, it could fall under Sustainability.

Also, our organization is in need of establishing systems (administrative, financial, etc) to help us recover from the pandemic as we lack in these areas. I wonder if we can also use funds from the Resiliency section to contract part-time help to help us set up and thrive?

Yes, grant funds may be used for the cost of setting up the systems that will strengthen organizational operations, (e.g., expert consultants) and appropriate staff time to ensure completion of the project. Funds request shall not include staff time post-implementation beyond February 28, 2024.

We would like to know if these funds can be used to provide direct financial support to college students from low-income families? These are students who graduated from high school in Palo Alto whose families qualified for the federal free and reduced lunch programs and were disproportionately impacted by the Covid19 pandemic. Many suffered mental health problems as a consequence of the pandemic and their college campuses shut down.

No. These funds may not be used for scholarships or sponsorships. This program is designed to assist nonprofits address the negative economic impacts to the organization caused by the pandemic or to implement organizational change to strengthen racial equity, diversity, and inclusion within the organizational operations and/or in the provision of services or programming in the community.

If this unmet need is a result of the loss in donations, demonstrated loss of donations may be eligible. Please keep in mind the eligibility requirements that organizations must have a facility in Santa Clara County, primarily operate in Santa Clara County, or serve populations located in Santa Clara County.

During Covid, funds earmarked for developing a practice track for the school's track and field team were diverted to build outdoor classrooms so students could attend school during the 2020-2021 school year. Sports are an important avenue for enrollment and enhanced student health and well-being. Since the funds were re-allocated to create safe space to prevent COVID-19 transmission, can the resiliency grant funds be used to build the track and field project?

Funds can be used to reimburse costs to build the outdoor classrooms, if not reimbursed by insurance or other funding sources.

Can funds be used to obtain starlink (or other satellite based) systems to provide greater internet service for our two rural campuses? This would be used to enhance off campus learning and at home learning in rural areas should covid outbreaks (or future pandemic) return and require quarantining.

Yes, increasing access to technology to impacted communities is eligible. Fortifying your infrastructure falls under Resilience.

In response to covid and social distancing requirements, office space was reconfigured to separate work stations. We had to eliminate a “sick room” where students who had developed symptoms would go to rest until they could be picked up by their parents. Can funds be used for acquiring or building space to replace our sick room.

Yes. Please review the Capital Expenditures section in the General Provision: Other of the Federal Register that describes eligibility standards for these expenditures. Be reminded that construction projects may trigger Davis-Bacon labor standards or environmental review requirements, if combined with other federal funding sources.

Can grant funds be used to reconfigure school kitchen space to provide greater food service for students (Pre/K to grade 12) and sanitary cleaning.

Yes. Please review the Capital Expenditures section in the General Provision: Other of the Federal Register that describes eligibility standards for these expenditures. Be reminded that construction projects may trigger Davis-Bacon labor standards or environmental review requirements, if combined with other federal funding sources.

Many of us received a PPP grant which will reflect in our ORG Budget and Audits for 2020 and 2021. Therefore can the grant be applied to the actual ongoing revenue shortfall due to Covid - lower fundraising / canceled events and program fees?

Yes.

May 100% if grants be used to purchase medical supplies for the homeless in Santa Clara County?

Yes, replenishing high needs inventory is an eligible use.

Can an ASK be built around reduced fundraising and event revenue during Covid years?

Yes.

Can funds be used for hiring "hard to find" program staff?

With this grant being one-time funding it's important to remember that by using these funds the staff must be hired to work towards completion of your project. Staff members that are not hired for the project, that will need to be paid after the project completion date, are not eligible for funding.

Can we use a grant to help fund hiring an executive director/leadership personnel lost during covid with no funding for replacement for sustainability of the organization?

These funds cannot be used for long term staffing, but they can be used to aid in the search for an executive director/leadership personnel.

If building reserves would actually allow us to increase our organizational capacity to serve (because we need to increase our reserves before we acquire more contracts, or we will no longer have a month and a half of reserves), could we apply for building reserves?

No, replenishing reserves is not an eligible expense. A demonstrated diversion of cash-on-hand to Covid-19 response may be an eligible use. Replacing a capital improvement reserve would not be an eligible use.

I know that building reserves is NOT an eligible expense, but if we are receiving funding to address expenses for fiscal years that have already been closed (meaning that they are defraying costs from previous fiscal years that already have been closed), how do we show that expense in a project budget?

Requested further clarification. Deferred to December 2, 2022 FAQ Responses posting.

Fiscal Agents

No Questions and Responses (12/9)

Prior Questions and Responses (12/2)

I am applying for the CV19R&S grant program as a fiscally sponsored project. For the Nonprofit Name, should I put our fiscal sponsor's name and our project name as the Project Name, or would I put our organization as the Nonprofit Name and be more specific with the Project Name?

The Nonprofit Name should be the fiscal sponsor. There should be an MOU between your organization and your fiscal sponsor. Please refer to the FAQ and Response from 11/18 for further information about this. The Project Name should include your organization's name and a name for the project.

Our fiscal sponsor limits the grants for which we can apply. We have major restraints specifically on federal funding. If we received this funding from the County, would it be subject to federal compliance requirements, including audit requirements?

We strongly recommend you check with your fiscal sponsor so that they may review their organization's compliance and audit requirements with their tax advisor. You may find detailed information in the "Final Rule" and in "Compliance and Reporting Guidance, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds" issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. For reference, the Final Rule considers nonprofit awardees of these pass-through ARPA funds to be the "end-users" and "beneficiaries" of the funds, and not "subrecipients".

My organization is a fiscally sponsored project. They have noted that they do not accept federal grant funds of any kind because they are not set up to meet the many compliance

requirements that exist for Federal grants, including special audit requirements. They have noted that when organizations receive federal funding and "pass it through" to other organizations, typically those organizations also have to pass along all the requirements associated with the funding. Is that the case with the COVID-19 Nonprofit Resilience and Sustainable Fund grant through VMCF?

Please see the response above. Again, we strongly recommend you check with your fiscal sponsor so that they may review their organization's compliance and audit requirements with their tax advisor.

I noted in the FAQ that we would use the fiscal sponsors' financials, but I would assume that you would need to see expenditures specific to our project for funds that would be applied to Sustainability projects, correct?

Yes.

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

What do you need from fiscally sponsored projects as opposed to independent nonprofits?

A registered 501c3 nonprofit can be the fiscal agent for a community based organization that is not a 501c3. The fiscal agent will submit the application on behalf of the community based organization. This relationship should be with organizations that have similar missions. The grant will go to the fiscal agent, therefore a Memorandum of Understanding will be required to outline each organization's responsibilities. Therefore:

For fiscally sponsored projects, do you require the project to obtain a UEI or do we use our fiscal sponsors?

If you are not a registered 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) and you are working with a fiscal agent, the Systems for Awards Management Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) is the number assigned to the fiscal agent.

As a fiscally sponsored organization, do we submit our own financials or those of our fiscal sponsor (they have audits and official board approved financials)

Financial statements and Board approved budgets will be from the fiscal agent. However, the Fiscal Agent may require it as part of the submission to address the proposed project budget.

Organizational Budget

New Questions and Responses (12/9)

We are asked to provide Fiscal Year 2019-2022 Board Approved 2-Year Comparison Budgets. Which years between 2019 and 2022 would you like the comparison budgets for?

Please refer to the response in the 12/2 FAQs and Responses.

My team and I are working on our proposal for the ARPA grant and we have a question regarding the budget comparisons requested on page 9 of the NOFA. For the fiscal year 2019-2022 Board approved 2-year comparison budgets, is it appropriate to attach the approved budget for the previous fiscal year v. the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year? If not, can you please clarify what is being requested?

Please refer to the response in the 12/2 FAQs and Responses.

During the webinar, it was indicated that unaudited financials for FY 2021-22 may be submitted as we await our formal audited financials. If we submit our unaudited financials, do we also need to submit our 2021 Form 990?

It is not required, but it could provide more clarity for the evaluation team.

Our nonprofit was established in March 2020, we have been building our capacity and self-funding till the end of 2021. So how can we provide this document: “Fiscal Year 2019-2022 Board Approved 2-Year Comparison Budgets”

Provide the organization's originating Board-approved budget and the following fiscal year's 2-year comparison budgets. Please note that the agency must demonstrate negative economic impact due to the pandemic.

Can you clarify what is meant by “reasonable staffing costs”? The NOFA states that funding may be used for reasonable staffing costs associated with organizational changes/operations, but an earlier post in the FAQ states that funding cannot be used for long term staffing.

Associated staffing costs are directly related to the execution and completion of the proposed project. Staff costs post contract expiration are not an eligible use.

Prior Questions and Responses (12/2)

Would you please clarify the response in the webinar regarding a “department” budget being used vs the agency’s?

Correction to 11/9 webinar response: Please refer to the 11/18 FAQ Responses below. Subsidiaries or chapters may submit their organizational budgets. We would not look to the budget of an individual department within an organization unless it is a stand-alone department, ie, it has no shared revenue or costs with other departments in the organization and this is transparent in the organization’s financial statements.

The application requires a 2-year comparison budget but lists a four year period 2019-2022. Which 2 years should be included or can the applicant choose two years? Do the two years need to be consecutive?

The term “2-Year Comparison Budgets” refers to comparing two fiscal years next to each other, such as Fiscal Year 2019 Actual compared to Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget. It would look something like the table below, with detailed line items and totals for the revenue and expenses sections. Comparison budgets should also be provided for FY 2020 Actual and FY 2021 Proposed Budget as well as FY 2021 Actual and FY 2022 Proposed Budget, for a total of three sets of comparisons.

	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Proposed Budget
Revenue		
List Revenue Categories		
Expenses		
List Expense Categories		

Is there an Operating Budget limit for the grant application? In that, is there a minimum or maximum in terms of operating budget to be considered? I saw in the FAQ questions referencing OB, but I couldn't seem to find this answer in the FAQ.

There is no minimum or maximum operating budget.

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

Is there a maximum organizational budget size to qualify for this grant?

No, there is not a maximum organizational budget to qualify for this grant. Preference points will be awarded to organizations who had an annual budget under \$2 million during the operational year of 2020.

If the resilience effort is around 2 of our programs that are affecting clients the most and the cost of those programs are under \$2M, can we report the total under \$2M?

The \$2 million threshold applies to the organizational budget. Overall organizational budget is the number we'll be reviewing, not program.

May we submit a budget only for our Santa Clara County regional operations which is under \$2 million, or must the submitted budget be our Board approved budget for our entire organization which covers many counties?

If your local organization is accountable for its own budget, then yes, you may submit the budget for your local operation. If your organization's budget is rolled into the overall organization's budget, then no, you must submit the financials for the entire organization.

If a national non-profit with a budget over \$2 million has a regional branch located in Santa Clara County, whose regional operating budget is under \$2 million, would they still be considered a “small non-profit”?

Yes.

Project Budget

New Questions and Responses (12/9)

We are looking to hire a consultant to help us navigate future growth and sustainability. What sort of detail or documentation are you looking for in the budget piece in the application?

Please provide sufficient documentation to support your request, such as the quote of the selected consultant and any other associated costs.

Can use the resilience grant to fund a percentage of staff salaries (for existing staff) to account for the time they will spend on our proposed project. In other words, these are staff members who currently have full-time positions with the agency, but since they will be spending considerable time on our project, we are hoping this grant can cover a small percentage of their salaries. Would this be considered supplanting? Or, is it allowable?

Funding may be used for reasonable staffing costs associated with the implementation of the proposed project's organizational changes/operations. This would not be considered supplanting unless other funds have already been funded or committed to cover these costs.

Is it better to ask for less money? Would this make us more competitive? Or should we ask for what we need, and let them figure that out? Is there flexibility around the ask?

The minimum and maximum grant amounts are detailed in the Notice of Funding Availability, Grant Limits, page 6. The proposed project needs to be a reasonable request that will support the proposed budget. Please note that this is a competitive process and applications will be evaluated according to the review process described in the Notice of Funding Availability, Review Process, page 13.

Is there an allowable indirect cost rate?

Please refer to prior FAQs and Responses and to the Notice of Funding Availability, Project Budget, pages 9-10.

Is there an opportunity for partial award within each category, for instance if one project in the application is extremely worthy of funding and one project in the application is not found to be worthy of funding?

It might be possible to receive a partial award if the ask is not reasonably proportional to the impacts it is intended to address.

If we experienced decreased revenue due to lower fundraising and less program fees, how do we represent that in the project budget?

Please demonstrate the revenue loss as direct costs in your project budget.

No Questions and Responses (12/2)

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

If we are asking for reimbursement of expenses for equipment, can any associated indirect costs be included as part of the budget?

Yes. This would fall under Resilience.

For simplicity, can we just show 10% indirect costs in our project budget (i.e., to avoid needing to develop an indirect cost rate plan), even if our typical indirect cost rate is 15%?

Yes.

What is a 10% de minimis?

2 CFR 200.414(f) states that organizations can charge a 10% de minimis rate of modified total direct costs. Modified total direct costs includes all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, and services.

Documentation

New Questions and Responses (12/9)

Which is required: only a Unique Entity ID or does the entity also need to go through the registration process? It allows an org to do both. We have a Unique Entity ID...is that enough?

You do not need to register as an agency that is directly bidding on federal contracts. For this program, you need a UEI only.

Prior Questions and Responses (12/2)

For our agency, the cover letter on most RFPs is signed by the agency's Executive Director. Is there another "letter" or Board Resolution required, in addition to the "Cover Letter?" If so, where should we upload the additional Letter or Board Resolution?

The cover letter needs to be signed by the Executive Director or their designee. No documentation is required for the cover letter signatory.

Prior to contract execution, awardees will need to provide a Board Resolution authorizing the Executive Director or designee to enter into contract negotiations and contract execution.

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

Do you have to be registered with SAM.gov to apply?

If you do not have a System for Award Management Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number, you must provide proof that you have an application pending when you submit your application. There is a link to SAM.gov in the application portal. Your registration must be complete prior to contract finalization as we will be requesting the UEI number at that time if it has not already been provided.

For financial documentation, we are currently in 2022. Is a 990 sufficient for 2021? Which particular financial statements are you looking for in 2021 or 2022?

We need financial statements from the fiscal year 2021-2022. If you do not have financial statements for this year, you can send a 990 and the financial statements from your most recent quarter.

There was mention of a board signature approved document, do you need that notarized?

The document needs to be approved and signed by the appropriate board representative.

Project Evaluation and Scoring

No Questions and Responses (12/9)

Prior Questions and Responses (12/2)

How do the points work? Do they total up to 125 or 100 points? And what are all the points tied to?

Please refer to the Notice of Funding Availability, Section 5, Evaluation Criteria, pages 10-12. The evaluation criteria total to 100 points and there are a maximum of 25 preference points, for an overall total maximum of 125 points (100 evaluation and 25 preference).

With the understanding that preference points will be provided for orgs with agency budgets of \$2M and less, does this mean that orgs that have smaller budgets (but that are still over \$2M) will receive preference over those that have higher budgets? (Will an

agency with org budget of \$5M receiver preference in comparison to another org with a budget of \$20M, for example)?

No.

The project narrative description states, "The Project Narrative is a very important component of the application and carries significant weight in the evaluation of proposals" Can you please elaborate on how the Project Narrative plays into the scoring? There are six questions with associated points (totaling 100 points) and that does not reflect the project narrative. So, what role does the narrative play in scoring?

Please refer to the 11/18 FAQ Responses.

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

How does the project narrative factor into scoring?

The project narrative sets the stage for the evaluation criteria. It will be referred to throughout the course of the application's review.

We seek clarity on the project impact section. Does the proposed grant need to directly impact the QCT? What are examples of measurable impact on the QCT?

The funds are to assist public benefit nonprofits address the negative economic impacts of pandemic-caused losses or under-investment in organizational infrastructure, and to assist nonprofit organizations with planning or implementation of organizational change to strengthen racial equity, diversity, and inclusion within organizational operations and/or in the provision of services or programming in the community, with the goal of creating benefit in impacted communities.

An example: piloting a promotora model of community engagement can result in increased community members participating in policy discussions.

We seek to expand access to transformative learning programs for students and teachers in the QCT. In the grant application, should we provide examples of the school's measurable impact on low income communities nationally and internationally as well examples of how students have benefited from these programs?

Provide adequate information to support your request.

Ideally, what measurable outcome do you want to see from the grant recipient?

Outcomes may include how organizational stability and the strengthening of racial equity work will impact the community.

What level of need do you seek to address to impact the lives of people in the QCT? For example, the program we will propose in the grant application offers a framework (both

in-person and virtual) to teach students how to become engaged citizens, empower them to create meaningful change in their communities, and develop confidence in their voice as engaged citizens.

The applicant shall demonstrate the level of need to support the request.

Will other applicants scores and proposals be made available to everyone?

No. We will be notifying each organization individually.

Collaboration/Consortium

New Questions and Responses (12/9)

We are planning to apply for our organization. However, we are also the backbone agency of a collective impact composed of 5 different agencies. As we explore our needs, we may require support offered in the same category for both, our individual organization and our collective. Would it be possible for one organization to submit two applications under the same category, one to support the organization and another to support the collective?

Yes. The collective could apply as a consortium and your organization could also apply on its own. Each application would need a separate project name. Please refer to prior FAQs and Responses in this section for further information.

No Questions and Responses (12/2)

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

Could you help define what is a consortium?

A consortium is generally more than one entity working toward the same community impact by applying their specific strengths/expertise to make a whole program. This model requires a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) authorized by each organization and specifying each agency's participation, responsibilities, outcomes, and budget.

We are considering creating a cohort of organizations who would be eligible on their own but who do not have the capacity to submit this level of grant on their own. The regranting would only be for the specified uses but the burden of reporting and submitting would be on the "parent" organization, i.e. us. le acting as an intermediary for multiple partners. Is this allowed?

It sounds like you may be considering creating a consortium. Please refer to the response above for information about a consortium.

If we essentially act as a pass through organization for a school district, does that make us a consortia requiring an MOU? We raise funds for the district, but then give the money to them and they spend it on what we specify.

A consortium is defined in the previous question. If you are a registered nonprofit, you can apply independently of the school district. Applying for pass-through funds to go directly to the school district for their desired use will not be eligible.

Application

New Questions and Responses (12/9)

Is there a suggested length for our Project Narrative pdf? (I.e., a number of words, characters, or a page range.)

Please provide adequate information to support your request.

In the application form, where is the Budget narrative submitted?

The Project Budget Narrative should be included in the Project Budget section.

The application for the COVID-19 Nonprofit Resilience and Sustainability Grants includes the question: "Provide the Supervisorial District your organization is located in*." This is a required question, but the answers appear to be relevant only for organizations based in Santa Clara County (1st District, 2nd District, 3rd District, 4th District, 5th District). How should organizations based outside Santa Clara County (but serving residents of SCC) respond to this question?

Please indicate the District that you primarily operate in or where the majority of your clients live.

Our organization is headquartered in Alameda County, but provides behavioral health services in Santa Clara County. Would we be able to use one of our addresses in Santa Clara County as the "organization address" and our Alameda County address as the headquarter address?

Yes. The Alameda County address would be the headquarters address.

The application form states "You will need to submit a separate application for each category." We would like to be able to save one draft for the resiliency application, and one draft for the sustainability application, so we can work on them simultaneously. So far, we have only been able to work on one draft at a time. Is it possible to save two separate drafts at the same time? If so, how?

Yes. Starting your second application would work the same as it did for the first. Use the same link, found here: [Valley Medical Center Foundation Submission Manager \(submittable.com\)](http://Valley Medical Center Foundation Submission Manager (submittable.com)). On the application, you can indicate the Funding Category.

On the application form for the “Nonprofit Name” field, should we fill in our own nonprofit’s name or the name of our fiscal sponsor?

Please refer to the FAQs and Responses from 11/18 and 12/2 for further information about this.

The Nonprofit Name should be the fiscal sponsor. There should be an MOU between your organization and your fiscal sponsor.

How should we fill in the “Project Name” field if we have multiple projects?

Please create a name that encompasses your projects. If you are submitting two applications, one for “Resilience” and one for “Sustainability”, please name each project separately.

During the webinar, it was stated that all applications will be available for public disclosure and that we may not mark any part as confidential. Our litigation, arbitration, and regulatory proceeding information is considered confidential. This is particularly true for pending litigation. We believe this confidentiality to be protected under the [California Public Records Act](#). How do we go about meeting the RFP’s requirements, while also protecting this sensitive information?

The application requests information that supports your proposal. We do not recommend providing confidential client information.

In the application form, does the phrase “historically underrepresented/underserved” mean “BIPOC and/or AAPI”?

“Historically underrepresented communities” refers to traditionally marginalized communities. BIPOC and AAPI communities are included in this term.

The application asks whether the organization is led by historically underrepresented communities. What percent or number of the executive staff and board of directors must be BIPOC and/or AAPI in order to answer “Yes”?

There is no fixed percentage. Please provide adequate information to support your application. You may refer to the 12/2 FAQs and Response for the definition of “led by”.

The application asks whether the organization serves historically underserved communities. Is there a certain percent or number that must be BIPOC and/or AAPI in order to answer “Yes”?

There is no fixed percentage. Please provide adequate information to support your application.

If applying to both Resilience and Sustainability, should we refer to the other proposal?

It is not necessary to refer to the other proposal.

Prior Questions and Responses (12/2)

Could you please explain what this question means: “Is your organization led by individuals from historically underrepresented communities?”

“Led by” includes the organization’s executive staff and board of directors. “Historically underrepresented communities” refers to traditionally marginalized communities.

What does “naming convention” refer to?

This refers to the “Submission Name” in Submittable ({Nonprofit Name} CV19R&SGrant 2022).

In the online application there is a 250 word limit regarding the project budget proposal- *“In sufficient detail, describe the proposed uses of the grant funds. Describe how the grant funds will assist the organization in post-pandemic recovery or stabilization. If the project total is greater than the requested grant amount, list the other sources and indicate the status as committed or pending.”* Is this question separate from the 1-page narrative listed in the RFA-Budget Narrative-Provide a one-page budget narrative description to accompany the submitted project budget.

Yes, these are two separate questions.

How many pages should the Program Narrative be for? The online portal shows up to 10 attachments but there seems no page limit for each attachment or any other format requirements.

Please refer to the 11/18 FAQ Responses.

In the Project Narrative section, one of the questions is: “Describe how your organization anticipates centering racial equity in the proposed project.” Then, in other parts of the application we need to demonstrate that we have a diverse board and leadership and policies that support racial equity, diversity, inclusion, and respect: “Is your organization led by individuals from historically underrepresented communities?” and “What is the organization’s commitment to promoting and exercising racial equity, diversity, inclusion, and respect?” For the Project Narrative question:

- **Is it the intention of the grantor for the applicant to repeat this information or to add to this information or both?**

For each question, provide adequate information to support your request. Please respond to the specific question about the proposed project or the organization, taking into account whether you are applying for Resilience or Sustainability funds.

- **Is there any specific information that is expected such as the percentage of people served that are non-Caucasian?**

There is no specific requirement. Provide adequate information to support your request and to provide an informative snapshot of your organization, the community it serves, and your proposed project.

- **Can you please share examples of answers to this question?**

Please refer to FAQs in the Eligible Uses section.

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

Will a hard copy application be available?

No, a hard copy of the application will not be available. The application must be submitted through Submittable.

Will there be language access resources available for applicants?

Please contact us at cv19rsggrant@hhs.sccgov.org with specific accessibility questions.

On the application are there word or character counts?

Yes, some questions have file upload limits and maximum word counts.

Are there any formatting requirements for the project narrative, such as font, font size, maximum pages, line spacing?

No.

The project narrative section of the application on Submittable allows for 10 attachments. Is there a page limit for the project narrative section and/or each individual attachment?

No. Please note that we do not expect 10 attachments, though in some cases that might be necessary. Please take into account the relevance of any document you attach.

In the online application, there are two sections that note we should upload the Project Budget – 1) Under the project summary; 2) A few items below that, under Additional Documentation, the first item is noted as “Project Budget including completed template and supporting documentation.” Can you clarify in which section we should upload the project budget?

Thank you for catching this. We have removed the item under “Additional Documentation”.

Technical Assistance

No Questions and Responses (12/9)

No Questions and Responses (12/2)

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

If our questions are not answered, can we be guaranteed they will be answered if we submit to the email cv19rsgrant@hhs.sccgov.org?

We will answer overall questions about the program, including funding categories, eligible uses, eligibility requirements, and the application process. We cannot answer specific questions about how a proposed project will be evaluated.

Will you provide technical assistance, provide a list of suggested organizations/consultants agencies and/or helpful tips for those seeking support to race/equity organizational development for organizations awarded with sustainability grants?

We cannot provide technical assistance during the application process.

Other

New Questions and Responses (12/9)

Can we talk to council members and their staff with whom we have an ongoing relationship with them but not about the grant?

Yes. Please note that the restriction applies to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and not to city council members.

We received some non-operating revenue (i.e., bequests, restricted funds) during 2020-2021. Is there a preferred way of representing this accurately?

Please seek advice from your accountant.

Prior Questions and Responses (12/2)

Where can I find the guidelines for the D3 URGJENT proposal?

Please check with Santa Clara County District 3's office.

Prior Questions and Responses (11/18)

What is the maximum amount each organization can apply for?

Please refer to the NOFA, Section 2, Page 6, Grant Limits.

Do matching funds help increase the chance of being awarded?

No.

With regard to not lobbying or contacting County officials, their staff, or panelists during the review process, who are “County officials”?

This term includes the Board of Supervisors and any Santa Clara County staff member.

At the end of 2024, what are examples of project results you are looking for to determine these grants were successful and potentially worthy of future funding from Santa Clara County resources.

The applicant shall provide project outcomes/results and the anticipated impact to the community you serve.

Are there two grant programs, one through Valley Medical Center Foundation and one through Santa Clara County?

No, there is just one grant program. Valley Medical Center Foundation is administering this \$10 million Covid-19 Nonprofit Resilience and Stability Grant Program, which is funded by the County of Santa Clara through the Federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Is District 3’s URJGENT grant program separate from this program?

Yes, D3’s URJGENT grant program is separate from the COVID-19 Nonprofit Resilience and Stability Grant Program.

Do you know if San Mateo County is offering something similar and what agency is administering it?

We do not know. We suggest contacting your local district office.