Inclusive Communities Cohort

Request For Proposals
Pre-Application Workshop

January 26, 2022
Welcome
Housekeeping Items

• Suggest using speaker view

• Please rename yourself to include organization in name

• Submit questions through the Zoom chat throughout the presentation

• There will be a Q&A session at the conclusion of the presentation

• Any outstanding questions will receive responses via email

• Meeting is being recorded and will be posted on GCF’s website
Purpose:
To gain greater clarity regarding the content and process of the Inclusive Communities Cohort
Overview of GCF Grantmaking

• Deep concentrated investments:
  • Housing Stability
  • Economic Mobility
  • Racial Justice
  • Capacity Building

• Targeted Requests for Proposals in key sectors

• Private Foundations

Central entry point for questions or feedback: Inquiry Form
Request for Proposals
Inclusive Communities Cohort

Request for Proposals

Generous Donors ~ Designated Funds ~ Expect to accept 16-18 Organizations
Funding Focus

Purposes:
• To support organizations that drive the inclusion of people living with physical and developmental disabilities in our region.

Inclusive Communities Cohort RFP

A few things to note:
• Cohort = learning journey among peer organizations
• Organizations must participate in professional development opportunities
• After completion, organizations are eligible to apply for grants up to $25,000.
• Review funding focus, criteria and preferences carefully.
## Timeline

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Letter of Intent (LOI)

- Organizational Overview
- Organizational Demographics
- Racial Equity Approach
- Organizational Impact
- Community Voice
- Cohort Participation
Digging into the funding focus:

To support organizations that drive the inclusion of people living with physical and developmental disabilities in our region.

How are physical and developmental disabilities defined?

Does my organization serve a majority of this population?

Organizations working towards inclusion.
Applying a Racial Equity Lens

A racial equity lens is an approach that involves many components including:

• Disaggregating and analyzing data and information by race and ethnicity,
• Understanding disparities and learning why they exist,
• Looking at problems and their root causes from a structural standpoint,
• Naming race explicitly when talking about problems and solutions

Include how your organization is thinking about racial equity, and, if relevant, how that thinking influences your work in general, or this proposal specifically.
Thinking about Organizational Impact

Organizational Metrics

• How do you know your organization is successful? What tools does your organization use?
• Include outcomes, not just outputs
• Include results from programs
• Include specific goals, both short term and long term
Integrating Community Voice

An opportunity to identify the community your organization serves

• How does this community influence your organization?
• Board, Staff, or Committee Representation?
• What decision-making power does the community have?
10 Minute - Breakout Groups

- Introduce yourself, your role and organization
- What is your cellphone wallpaper?
Applying

Access applications through Foundant

• New to Foundant? Visit our website: www.gcfdn.org/grants
• Fill out “Inclusive Communities Cohort Application”
• Required Attachments:
  • Most recent audit or 990
  • Project budget
  • Income statement and balance sheet (2 years)
  • Organizational demographics & board list (using GCF template)
Follow-Up Reporting

- Learnings (any changes/pivots?)
- Basic numbers
  - Numbers served
  - Dollars leveraged
- Project Specific Measures
  - Project specific measures should be specific outcomes of the effort that impacted students’ educational or career attainment and/or social emotional health, as hypothesized in the proposal.
- Storytelling

If funded:
- brief check in @ 6 months
- Final follow up report due 12 months post award.
Group Q & A

Thank you for your important work. We look forward to learning from you.

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