

Nonprofit Infrastructure Grant Informational Session Webinar

Questions & Answers

1. Will we receive a copy of the PowerPoint?
 - a. The PowerPoint and the recording of the webinar will be made available on the website.
2. Do we need to qualify for all the eligibility guidelines or just some of them?
 - a. You may qualify under more than one, but nonprofits only need to qualify under one of the eligibility guidelines listed on the application.
3. Does “Nonprofit is located in QCT” include providing services or does that refer to the location of the HQ?
 - a. This specifically refers to the location of the nonprofit, as the nonprofit is the recipient rather than the participant.
4. Does “Nonprofit is located in QCT” mean a regional office, or must it be a headquarters office?
 - a. The nonprofit may have a permanent location in Solano County to qualify under this eligibility; it does not need to be the headquarters office that is located in the QCT.
5. What would be an example of “economic harm” under the ARPA eligibility?
 - a. There is not a set definition for what demonstrates as economic harm to your nonprofit.
6. Can the funds pay for already purchased platforms? The purchase happened this fiscal year. Just a few months back.
 - a. Costs may not be incurred before the contract date with the nonprofit. Therefore, funds may not be used for purchases already incurred.
7. Can the funds be used for contracted accounting services?
 - a. Yes, if the services are used to improve administrative infrastructure. General business accounting services that a nonprofit would do every month would not be considered “improving your infrastructure.” For example, if you contracted an accounting firm to come in and do a business process review of your accounting system and to help improve your accounting processes, that would be permissible.
8. Can the funds be used for subscription software payments? (i.e. Zoom)
 - a. Yes.
9. Can it be used for staff training to use software and tracking programs?
 - a. Yes, because this would be improving your technological and administrative infrastructure.
10. Being an adult school, we use a particular software to help students, such as those in ESL to learn the language, which would fall under supplemental curriculum. When referring to participants being trained, does this fall under the workflow management tools?
 - a. This would be a technological infrastructure piece because you are purchasing technology to improve services for participants.
11. Can you use it to purchase more Chromebooks, for example?
 - a. Yes.

12. Can we use the funds to purchase supplies, such as tool belts, hard hats, things like that for participants?
 - a. No, supplies for participants would not be an allowable use of these funds. The funding is for technological or administrative infrastructure purposes.
13. Can funds be used for staff development training?
 - a. Yes, if the training is related to technology or administrative improvements.
14. What about training for administration?
 - a. Yes, for example, if you brought in someone to do an accounting training in order to better support reporting capabilities to funders of services to participants, that would be allowable.
15. Can funding be used for consulting or for consultants?
 - a. If the consultation is to provide administrative or technology improvements, then yes. The allowability of expenditures is based on the purpose of its use.
16. Would a \$30,000 funding request be partially approved if a component of the request is \$10-15k?
 - a. The only reason an application would be partially approved is there were not enough funds to give the full award. If upon review, however, the funding request included components that were outside the scope of funding, the applicant's eligibility determination may be impacted.
17. Can you explain the order of the application review and acceptance?
 - a. Because this is a grant program where the nonprofit is the beneficiary, the review and acceptance is very similar to a small business grant program. The evaluation of the applications is mainly to validate that it is an eligible request. The WDB anticipates that the requested funding will exceed the available funding. As such, the WDB may randomize the order that the applications are reviewed in order for grant awards to be as fair as possible.
18. Is a budget going to be required for this proposal?
 - a. The application asks how the nonprofit would use the funds and how much that might cost. Therefore, a cost estimate is to be included in the application. However, a separate budget is not required.
19. What is the turnaround time and when will funds be dispersed?
 - a. The first round of applications will be reviewed after the February 26, 2024 best consideration date. The target awardee selection announcement is planned to occur by March 4, 2024. After this date, application review will be based on a first come, first served basis. Awardees will receive a contract that will need to be signed and executed, with an intended start date of April 1, 2024.