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Arizona COVID-19 Community Response Fund

Introduction

The Arizona COVID-19 Community Response Fund (CRF), established to support immediate and long-term needs associated with the outbreak of COVID-19 in Arizona, is a community fund supported by individuals, corporations, and foundations across the state. The CRF will provide flexible resources to nonprofit organizations in Arizona facing an increased demand for services from clients and communities as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Additionally, depending on funding availability, the CRF will support nonprofit organizations impacted by COVID-19 financially as a result of program disruptions or cancellations resulting in revenue loss.

Collaborative Partners

The Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) is pleased to administer the CRF on behalf of our partners. Please visit www.azfoundation.org/COVID19 for the most up to date list of our collaborative funding partners. Additionally, ACF has partnered with Valley of the Sun United Way to coordinate support for Maricopa County health, human services, and education nonprofits, as well as schools, to mitigate the impact of the virus in the Phoenix area. This partnership will enable both organizations to combine grant resources to ensure funds are deployed to the community expeditiously.

Funding Priorities

Grantmaking from the CRF will prioritize funding for organizations providing immediate relief to families and communities in Arizona. Upon resolution of the outbreak in Arizona, as determined by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), funding awarded from the CRF will transition from immediate relief grants to long-term recovery grants to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19 on Arizona's nonprofit sector. Long-term recovery grants are dependent upon funding remaining in the CRF at the conclusion of the COVID-19 outbreak in Arizona. Please note that these funding priorities are subject to change without notice due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Use of Grant Funds

Immediate Relief Grants

Grants awarded for immediate relief efforts may be applied to general operations directly related to changes in service delivery resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19 in Arizona. Grant funding may additionally be utilized for organizations to provide direct assistance to economically vulnerable individuals and families impacted by COVID-19. Such assistance may include the provision of food, housing, utilities, transportation, childcare, education, and/or health services. Grant funding may not be utilized to develop or implement new programs or services not in place prior to March 11, 2020. Organizations providing immediate relief may re-apply for additional funding every 30 days for the duration of the State of Arizona's Emergency Declaration.

Long-term Recovery Grants

Grants awarded to assist nonprofit organizations impacted by lost revenue due to closures, cancellations, or service disruptions will be considered following expiration of the State of Arizona's Emergency Declaration, as determined by ADHS. These grants will be determined based on funding availability once the need for immediate relief grants has subsided. Funding levels will be determined by the CRF Advisory Council based on funding availability in the fund following deployment of immediate relief grants. Organizations may only submit one request for long-term financial assistance.

Timeline

Funds will be released on a rolling basis as fundraising continues throughout the outbreak and recovery phases of the crisis, making it possible to move resources quickly and adapt to evolving needs in subsequent funding phases.

Grant requests to support immediate relief efforts will be reviewed weekly to ensure resources are deployed rapidly where most needed. Grants will be reviewed in the context of government grant programs made available through local, state, and federal emergency declarations to ensure that grants awarded from the CRF supplement, rather than supplant, public funding.

Grant requests to support long-term recovery of Arizona's nonprofit sector will be determined within 30 days of the expiration of the State of Arizona's Emergency Declaration.

Eligible Organizations

- Any Arizona 501(c)(3) organization, government agency, tribal entity and religious organization that operates with fiscal accountability and responsibility.
- Organization without 501(c)(3) status must use a fiscal agent to apply on their behalf. Fiscal agents must be a 501(c)(3) organization. A copy of the agreement between the fiscal sponsor and the sponsored organization is required.
- Organizations must be in good standing with the IRS at the time of review.
- If requested, organizations must demonstrate a non-discrimination policy regarding staff, employment, governing board and service delivery based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability or national origin.

Application, Review, and Reporting Process

In observance of the emergency nature of these grants, a streamlined application, review, and reporting process has been implemented to allow for rapid review and awarding of grant funds and to minimize the administrative burden placed on grant applicants. A simplified application comprised of the following questions has been established:

- How has your nonprofit been impacted by the spread of COVID-19 in Arizona?
 - Cancellation of programs or services resulting in revenue loss
 - Disruption of services to clients and communities
 - Increased demand for services from clients and communities

- If your nonprofit is providing services to families and children in response to COVID-19, which of the following priority areas best aligns with the services you will provide?
 - Childcare
 - Education support
 - Eldercare
 - Food security
 - Healthcare
 - Health wellbeing/Mental health
 - Human services

- Please describe how your nonprofit would utilize resources from the community response fund to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on your organization or provide increased services to the community.

- Request amount

- Have you requested funding from other sources? If so, please list the sources and request amounts. Please note if funding is pending or secured.

All CRF grant requests will be considered by representatives from our funding partners. Applications will be reviewed weekly on a rolling basis to ensure funds are available swiftly, as needed. To limit administrative burdens on grantees during the public health emergency, grant reports will not be required until six months after expiration of the State of Arizona's Emergency Declaration, as determined by ADHS. Please note that this process is subject to change without notice due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Grantee Terms and Conditions

Reports. The Grantee shall submit a written report on the use of grant funds. The Grantee shall provide ACF with copies (if available) of any press releases, photographs and published material about the grant money and the work it made possible.

Publicity. The Grantee shall allow ACF to review and approve the text, including quotes, of any proposed publicity concerning this grant prior to its release. ACF may include information regarding this grant, including the amount and purpose of the grant, any photographs you may have provided, your logo or trademark, or other information or materials about your organization and its activities, in ACF's periodic public reports, newsletters, news releases or any other printed materials distributed by ACF. Please ensure that all publicity (including printed material, press releases and Web sites) states "partial funding provided by the Arizona COVID-19 Community Response Fund." If you require an electronic copy of the funding partners logos please contact ACF's Marketing and Communications department.

Retention of Records. The Grantee shall keep all financial records pertaining to use of funds for at least four years and shall make such records available to ACF at reasonable times upon ACF's request.

Grant Does Not Create a Legal Partnership. The Grantee shall not in any manner indicate, nor shall the grant or any documents related thereto be in any manner deemed to create or construed as creating, any kind of partnership, joint venture or other similar relationship between ACF and the Grantee or other party. ACF shall not be deemed in any manner responsible for the debts, liabilities or other obligations of the Grantee, including any such debts relating to this Project.