



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
Request for Proposals

## **Nonprofit Capital Grant Program**

### **Scope of Work**

**Description:** The Nonprofit Capital Project Grants Program is a new initiative designed to better position local government in recognizing the strains upon infrastructure within our local network of community agency partners which are affecting their service delivery to residents. These grants are funded by federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars and are subject to federal reporting and spending requirements.

Agencies with established proven track records of performance that are located in and/or service residents of Lexington-Fayette County are invited to apply for this competitive grant program.

**Purpose:** To provide a *one-time grant* to local 501(c)(3) agencies for major capital projects in two categories: 1) Facility Improvements (such as the purchase, construction, expansion, repair of a building, or installation or major overhaul of HVAC systems, etc.), and 2) Operational Investments (e.g. purchase of major equipment, such as a generator or vehicle).

#### **Instructions**

Please submit all required proposal submittal forms and attachments no later than the deadline indicated below:

**Proposal Deadline – 2 P.M. OF DATE**

**Proposals received after this deadline or incomplete proposals will not be considered.**

For More Information:

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## 1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 1.1 Funding

The funding is a **ONE TIME** grant. LFUCG will conduct ongoing evaluation of the project to determine effectiveness. Funds must be expended **April 30, 2024**.

LFUCG intends to award multiple proposals with funding via the American Rescue Plan Act. **Organizations receiving grants shall be known as Subrecipients for the purposes of this program.**

**PLEASE NOTE: All grant funds are reimbursed funds only, no funds will be dispersed to Subrecipients in advance. Reimbursements may occur periodically during the project. Subrecipients shall invoice the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Department of Grants and Special Programs, upon completion of Subrecipient spend for reimbursement.**

The Subrecipient agrees that it shall spend the entire amount of funds provided under this Agreement before April 30, 2024.

The Subrecipient shall invoice LFUCG upon spend for the reimbursement of actual expenditures incurred. The Subrecipient's invoice must be for eligible expenses.

**See the Request for Proposals beginning on page 31 for details of the Certification of Compliance for American Rescue Plan Act Expenditures.**

If it becomes apparent to the Subrecipient that it will be unable to complete the Project either in the manner or for the amount described in this Agreement, then the Subrecipient must immediately provide written notice to the LFUCG with a complete and detailed explanation of its inability to comply with the terms of the Agreement, any proposed changes, and the reasons for those changes. If the Subrecipient fails to use any amount of funds provided under the Agreement within the time of performance (by April 30, 2024), Subrecipient forfeits those funds.

### 1.2 Proposal Submission

In order to be considered, proposals must be received by **DATE**. The proposal must contain the required documents and respond to each of the required narrative/application questions to be complete.

Proposals containing significant omissions of required information will be considered non-responsive and will be removed from the funding process. Significant missing responses to narrative/questionnaire questions constitute an incomplete proposal.

If the Agency is submitting a bundled proposal for the funding of more than one project, please note that they must be included in a single completed Proposal Submittal form. Only one Proposal Submittal per agency will be accepted, per Division of Purchasing regulations. Projects being bundled must have separate Project Budgets submitted as attachments.

Submitted Proposal shall be comprised of the attached PDF formatted Proposal Submittal form. This form must be submitted in the original PDF form, and NOT be a scanned version of the original form.

The final decision regarding proposal completeness and penalties will be determined by the Commissioner of Social Services.

### **1.3 Acceptance/Rejection of Applications**

The LFUCG reserves the right to reject any proposals which may be considered irregular, show serious omission, contain unauthorized alteration of form, or are incomplete.

The LFUCG reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications in whole or in part, with or without cause, to waive technicalities, to implement scoring penalties, or to accept applications or portions thereof which, in the Urban County Government's judgement, best serve the interests of Urban County Government.

#### **Inquiries/Questions**

After thoroughly reading this Request for Proposals, Applicants must direct any questions to:

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**Deadline for questions is DATE, 2022 at 2:00 PM EST**

### **1.4 Requests for Clarification**

The LFUCG reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information (to clarify the information submitted) of the applicant either orally or in writing. This may include negotiation of funding amounts, outcomes, and other adjustments prior to the execution of a funding award.

### **1.5 Timeline**

This Request for Proposals is being released on **DATE**, and is made available to the public and all potentially eligible applicants.  
Completed proposals are due no later than 2 p.m. **on DATE**. Late or incomplete proposals will not be accepted or evaluated.

The LFUCG intends to conduct proposal evaluation immediately following the proposal due date and intends to make funding announcements no later than **DATE**. This timeline is subject to change without notice.

No funds may be expended prior to the execution of a funding agreement and grantees will not be reimbursed for pre-award costs.

### **1.6 Evaluation**

Proposals will be evaluated by a neutral panel selected by the Commissioner of Social Services, all of whom have no affiliation with any applicant.

Scoring criteria are outlined in Section 4.0 Evaluation.

### **1.7 Selection**

The highest scoring proposals as determined by the panel will be recommended for funding and contacted to negotiate a funding agreement.

### **1.8 Reporting**

**These grants are funded by federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars and are subject to federal reporting and spending requirements. Agencies will manage and comply with ARPA Requirements as detailed in this Request for Proposal beginning on page 31 in the Certification of Compliance for American Rescue Plan Act Expenditures.**

The funded projects will be required to submit regular financial and progress reports. Failure to submit complete reports on time will delay processing of invoices submitted for grant reimbursements and affect the grantee's competitiveness for any future funding opportunities with LFUCG. This includes, but is not limited to, timesheets for staff; bids, quotes, invoices and receipts for purchases; copies of any contracts for services; and additional information as required by LFUCG for compliance with federal regulations.

**All payments are based on submitted invoices for reimbursements, no payments shall be made in advance.**

## **2.0 PROPOSAL FORMAT**

The Proposer must submit the proposal via the LFUCG's Procurement Software at <https://lexingtonky.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>. Adherence to the proposal format by all proposers will ensure a fair evaluation. Proposers not following the prescribed format will be deemed non-responsive.

A complete proposal contains each of the following components:

- Fully completed application submittal
- Attached project(s) and agency budgets
- Other Attachments

### 3.0 SCOPE

Agencies may apply for a grant to assist with a capital project of a **minimum of \$100,000 of Facility Improvements and/or \$50,000 in Operational Investments** (*Agencies may bundle projects to meet the minimums*).

**Maximum award in Facility Improvements is \$500,000, and \$250,000 in Operational Investments.** An agency may receive up to a total of \$750,000 if projects are awarded the maximum in each category.

#### **Who is Eligible?**

Community nonprofit partners with established proven track records of performance are invited to apply for this competitive grant program for capital projects.

- Grant funds must be invested in facilities located in and serving residents of Lexington-Fayette County.
- Agencies must be recognized by Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- Agencies must either own the facility or have a current long-term lease (*with at least 3 years remaining on the terms of the lease*) with a private landlord for which improvements are being requested.
- **All funds awarded must be spent by grantees before April 30, 2024.**

#### **Eligible Cost Activities** (*including, but not limited to*):

##### **Facility Improvements**

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|------------------------------|--|
| A. Systems                   | <i>Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing</i>                                       |
| B. Exterior                  | <i>Roofing, Windows, Gutters, Masonry, Siding</i>                                |
| C. Interior                  | <i>Flooring, Walls, Ceilings, Lighting</i>                                       |
| D. Property Site             | <i>Acquisition of Property, Parking, Sidewalks, Lighting, Utilities, Signage</i> |
| E. Environmental Remediation | <i>Asbestos, Lead Paint, Air Quality</i>   |

##### **Operational Investments**

- F. Information Technology & Telecommunication (*Servers, Computer Systems, Database Systems, etc.*)
- G. Fleet and Mobile Service Units
- H. Generators, Alternative Power Supply
- I. Security Cameras, Safety Controls
- J. Other Major Operational Equipment

**Grant Award Allocation**

<b>Funding Pool*</b>	<b>Facility Improvements</b>	<b>Operational Investments</b>
	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000
Minimum Request per agency**	\$100,000**	\$50,000**
Maximum Request per agency	\$500,000	\$250,000

*\*Agencies may apply for either Facility Improvements or Operational Investments or both.*

*\*\*Agencies may bundle projects in either Facility Improvements or Operational Investments to meet the minimums (not across the two types of investments in order to meet minimums).*

**4.0 EVALUATION & CRITERIA**

<b>Factor</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>4.1 Directly Provide or Indirectly Facilitate the Provision of Services to Low-income, Underserved, or Marginalized Lexington-Fayette County Residents</b>	20
<b>4.2 Demonstrated Need</b>	20
<b>4.3 Applicant Capacity for Project and Meeting ARPA Requirements</b>	20
<b>4.4 Operational Feasibility</b>	20
<b>4.5 Cost Analysis</b>	20
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>

**4.1 Directly Provide or Indirectly Facilitate the Provision of Services to Low-income, Underserved, or Marginalized Lexington-Fayette County Residents**

Please provide a brief description of your agency’s mission and objectives. Applying agencies must meet the criteria below:

1. Facility Improvement location is located in Fayette County and Operational Investments must be for the purpose of serving Fayette County residents with these grant funds
2. Be in good standing with the Kentucky Secretary of State
3. Responders shall be registered and have a current, complete Gold Seal of Transparency or higher level agency portrait on [GuideStar.org](http://www.GuideStar.org)
4. Funds for the projects cannot be used to teach, advance, advocate or promote any religion
5. Applying organization agrees to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws

#### **4.2 Demonstrated Need**

Demonstrate how the proposed capital project is needed for the agency to provide their services. Applications must describe the need for the specific project in regards to the agency's ability to meet its mission and objectives. Criteria to be considered include:

1. The type and scale of the project proposed clearly enables the capacity of the agency's mission
2. Provide data to document project need
3. If applicable, the facility proposed for use meets local codes, health, or safety standards, or the proposed project would remedy any code infractions or notices

#### **4.3 Applicant Capacity for Project and Meeting ARPA Requirements**

The application must demonstrate that the agency staff has adequate credentials and experience to carry out the proposed project. This means that the organization carrying out the project, its employees, or its partners, must have the necessary experience and qualifications to execute the project and adhere to the requirements of this grant program.

Factors to be considered will include: prior agency experience with capital projects and grants; suitable agency fiscal capacity and organizational infrastructure to implement the project; and employee experience in grant management. The LFUCG's monitoring records of previously funded projects will also be considered in determining applicant capacity. The LFUCG will pay special attention to previously awarded projects and an agency's track record for timely implementation and spending of awarded funds.

Describe how the Agency will manage and comply with ARPA Requirements as stated previously. *(Details in the Request for Proposal beginning on page 31 in the Certification of Compliance for American Rescue Plan Act Expenditures.)*

#### **4.4 Operational Feasibility**

The application must include:

1. Clear and complete plans and timeline for implementing and completing the project
2. An adequate strategy for securing additional support and commitment if needed. If applicable, include letters of commitment for other funding that will be used to implement the project
3. Adequate number of qualified staff to carry out the proposed project
4. Indicators that demonstrate that the project can be completed by April 30, 2024

#### **4.5 Cost Analysis – and attachments**

1. Cost proposals and budget narrative
2. This section shall provide the total costs of the capital project, including all expenses to be incurred
3. Project is cost-effective and all costs are reasonable, and do not deviate substantially from

the norm in Lexington

4. Line item Budgets for each Grant Project requested and the Agency Budget

*LFUCG reserves the right to adjust funding amounts.*