

COVID-19 Basic Needs Assistance Grants for Multicultural Communities

The Division of Multicultural Affairs (MCA) within the Department of Heritage and Arts will administer a \$1 million grant program to organizations that serve the basic needs of multicultural communities, which have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants of up to \$75,000 will be provided to organizations in Utah who will provide emergency basic needs assistance to multicultural communities, including but not limited to utilities, rent, transportation, food assistance and case management . Any non-profit organization with demonstrated experience serving multicultural communities within Utah can apply. Attention will be given to ensuring geographic distribution of grant funding throughout the state and focusing on communities that have been hardest hit by the pandemic.

Applications will be accepted beginning July 27, 2020. The application period will close on August 17, 2020, and applications will be subsequently reviewed by a committee made up of members of the Racial Equity and Inclusion Advisory Council. Expenditures must be made before December 30, 2020.

Criteria:

- Nonprofit (501c3) status
- Mission and history of predominantly serving historically and systematically marginalized populations, specifically communities of color, who are experiencing disparate health impacts
- Organization's commitment to racial equity
- Demonstration of organization's financial stability (must include most recent financial statements)
- Description of project for use of requested grant funds
 - Project Category - project must address at least one of the following:
 - Food Security
 - Digital Equity
 - Language Accessibility
 - Housing Assistance
 - Child Care Assistance
 - Health Equity
 - Mental Health Support Services
 - Transportation Services
 - Project Description
 - Multicultural community members to be served
 - Project Budget
 - This could include salaries for project staff, materials, and other direct costs associated with the implementation of the project.

Grant Focus:

- Attention will be paid in the grant review process to ensure that these grants do not duplicate existing efforts from other state agencies or other funding sources. The intention of this funding is to address areas of concern outside of existing funding channels and to serve populations with barriers to access of financial and support resources, such as immigrant and mixed-status families.
- Specific attention will be paid to organizations supporting essential workers with limited access to health supports, child care, and other necessary services.

Review Panelists:

A Racial Equity and Inclusion Advisory Council will be composed of diverse members from the Multicultural Subcommittee of Utah's COVID-19 Taskforce, the Multicultural Commission, the Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Commission and managed by the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts. The Multicultural Subcommittee will approve the final makeup of this Advisory Council.