



Human Services

Request for Application (RFA)

Guidance and Application Information

Services to those experiencing unemployment and economic disruption, poverty, or the direct impacts of COVID-19

Applications must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2020. For more information please email Oriana Paul (pauloc@co.larimer.co.us).

Guidance

Background

The Larimer County Department of Human Services is releasing this RFA to solicit applications for a variety of funding sources, all of which are focused on providing services to those directly impacted by unemployment and economic disruption, impacts of poverty and direct impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. Below are the sources of funding:

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020, Public Law 116-36 (CARES Act), was signed into law on March 27, 2020, providing \$1 billion in additional funds to the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program. The funds to states, territories, and tribes authorized under the CSBG Act are intended to address the consequences of increasing unemployment and economic disruption as a result of COVID-19.
- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020, Public Law 116-36 (CARES Act), was signed into law on March 27, 2020, provides supplemental funding for programs authorized by the Older Americans Act of 1965 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to help older adults and people with disabilities stay healthy and live independently in their communities across the United States.
- The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities. The funding is provided to support projects that lessen poverty, address the needs of low-income individuals, individuals experiencing homelessness, migrants, and the aging population.

- Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) Outreach, authorized by the title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Public Law 97-35.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach, authorized by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 farm bill; Public Law 115-334).

Through the state of Colorado allocation process, Larimer County Department of Human Services has received approximately \$1,300,000 to grant to organizations across the County to address these needs. There is the potential to renew the CSBG awards for an additional three (3) years.

Eligibility

Funds are available to Larimer County:

- Non-profit organizations or Government agencies serving individuals age 60 and over
- Non-profit organizations or Government agencies serving individuals whose incomes do not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Previous and current recipients of Larimer County Community Service Block Grants and Office on Aging grants

Funding Priorities

Funds should be used to address the needs in the following areas:

- Services to Individuals age 60 and over
- Employment
- Education and Cognitive Development
- Income, Infrastructure, and Asset Building
- Housing
- Health and Social/Behavioral Development (includes Nutrition)
- LEAP Outreach (spending deadline 9/30/2020)
- SNAP Outreach
- Civic Engagement and Community Involvement
- Services Supporting Multiple Domains
- Linkages (eg, partnerships that support multiple domains)
- Agency Capacity Building
- Other (eg, emergency management/disaster relief)

Grant Administration

Human Services will establish contracts with grant awardees.

Awardees shall submit invoices detailing expenditures with appropriate documentation as required by the contract. Billings shall be submitted by the close of the business day on the 10th day of each month following the last day of the month in which services were provided.

Review Process

Funding decisions will be based upon:

- Alignment with the funding priorities identified in these guidelines
- Geographic diversity and impact
- The organizational capacity to meet such needs and accomplish the proposed activities
- Addresses population disproportionately affected by COVID-19 pandemic
- For specific CARES funding, how grant funding will meet immediate needs that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic

Initial Funding Duration

LEAP Outreach funds must be spent by September 30, 2020

Funding provided by the CARES Act must be spent by September 30, 2021

SNAP Outreach funds must be spent by September 30, 2021

Multiple Applications

Organizations may submit more than one (1) application for projects substantially different in nature or projects which focus on different priority areas. A complete application submission is required for each separate funding request.

Grant Amounts

Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$50,000. (Additional funding may be awarded based on the geographic impact of the proposal)

Application Process and Timeline

Interested applicants can complete the online LCDHS Grant Application.

Application Available - Wednesday, June 17

Application Due - Sunday, July 12 at 11:59 pm

Grants Announced - Monday, July 27

Contracts Awarded - Monday, August 3

Important Items to Note:

- Applications may include a maximum of a 15% indirect expense (overhead expense) within the program/project budget.
- Grant funds cannot supplant funds for existing programs or projects and its activities.

Reporting

- Contractor shall submit to the County a report in a form prescribed by the County
- Any Contractors utilizing funds for direct payment to individuals at or below 200% FPL must include documentation of eligibility determination processes

Questions?

For more information please email Oriana Paul - pauloc@co.larimer.co.us

Application Information

Applications must be submitted by 11:59pm on July 12, 2020. Only complete applications will be considered.

The application will ask for this information:

- Organization's Name
- D.B.A. (if applicable)
- Organization Website
- Number of years in service
- Organization mailing address
- Signatory name, title, email and address
- Name of funding request
- Primary population served
- Geographic area(s) served within Larimer County
- Funding priority
- Organization's mission
- Summary of program/project for which you are requesting funding
- Summary of outcomes specific to COVID-19
- Organization's capacity to accomplish activities
- Have you applied for other emergency funding
- Amount requested
- Tax ID
- Budget detail and justification of costs

Application is available here - [LCDHS Grant Application](#)