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Human Services Fund

- Established in 1981 to support programs and initiatives that are important to the city's health and vitality.

- The intent of the Cincinnati Human Services Fund (HSF) is to leverage, develop, and scale proven strategies to accelerate progress toward community goals.

- Complements, but does not duplicate, other City activities and investments.

Partners & Roles

City Council

Created the fund

Sets funding priorities

Makes final funding determination

Human Services Advisory Committee

Reviews proposals

Makes funding recommendations to City Council

Monitors programs

United Way of Greater Cincinnati

Runs proposal process

Facilitates HSAC with City of Cincinnati Administration

Subcontracts with selected grantees and disburses funding

Monitors programs

Administers reporting

Selected Grantees

Submit required reporting of applicable documentation (expenses, demographics of residents assisted, outcome measurement, etc.)

Provide services to City of Cincinnati residents

Priority Areas & Amounts

- Funding to support human services aligned to specific **Service Categories:**

  - Comprehensive Workforce Development

  - Supporting, Securing, and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations

  - Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction

- **Impact Award** to support one collaborative effort focused on:

  - Eviction Prevention & Housing Stabilization

Reference: Motion 202202006

Funding Periods

Fiscal Year 24

September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

Fiscal Year 25

September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025

**Impact Award grantee will have one additional year of implementation, if needed,
FY 26 September 2025 – August 31, 2026*

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Overview

- Applications must be submitted through the online system managed by United Way (eCimpact)

- Organizations may submit no more than 3 proposals for programs under the Service Category and only one proposal under the Impact Award RFP.

- Applications are reviewed by HSAC and HSAC will provide a funding recommendations to City Council.

- Grant awards will be determined by City Council with the budget decisions in June 2023.

- The Impact Award will be a single grant to one **collaborative**, made up of multiple organizations. It is a one-time grant, with an extended spending period, anticipated to be budgeted between $1.875-$2.475 million dollars. Applicants are encouraged to submit grant requests within this range.

- For the Service Category, the minimum amount allocated for an individual program will be $25,000. While there is no maximum award amount the average Human Services Fund grant over the last three funding periods was $90,635 and the median grant award was $71,870.

Key Dates & Deadlines

- February 13, 2023: RFPs released

- February 24, 2023: Application opens in online system (e-CImpact)

- March 17, 2023, 4PM: Deadline for questions for the Service Category RFP

- **March 31, 2023, 5PM: Service Category RFP Proposal Due Date**

- April 14, 2023, 4PM: Deadline for questions for the Impact Award

- **April 28, 2023, 5PM: Impact Award RFP Proposal Due Date**

- July 2023: Notification of Grant Awards

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Additional Webinars

- February 21: Q&A Webinar (Services Category Only)
  - Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-cincinnati-human-services-fund-service-categories-tickets-536222434737

- February 23: Q&A Webinar (Impact Award Only)
  - Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-cincinnati-human-services-fund-impact-award-tickets-536246727397

- March 7: Q&A Webinar (Impact Award and Services Category)
  - Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-cinci-human-services-fund-qa-service-categories-impact-award-tickets-537666794857

- March 21: Q&A Webinar (Impact Award and Services Category)
  - Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-cinci-human-services-fund-qa-service-categories-impact-award-tickets-537693013277

- April 11: Q&A Webinar (Impact Award Only)
  - Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-cincinnati-human-services-fund-final-qa-impact-award-tickets-537712491537

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Eligibility

Eligibility

- Agencies must be 501(c)3 organizations compliant with licensing, accreditation, and legal requirements.

- Nonprofit organizations do not need to be physically located in the City of Cincinnati, but City of Cincinnati Human Services funds may only be used to support city residents.

- All funding decisions are made by Cincinnati City Council based on the recommendation of the Human Services Advisory Committee.

- Qualification under the criteria and eligibility requirements listed in the Request for Proposal does not entitle an organization to receive funding.

- The City of Cincinnati reserves the right to reject any and all programs, in part or in whole; to negotiate with applicants and to award funding to those programs deemed most likely to contribute to the success of the Human Services Fund priorities.

- Agencies must be able to provide detailed documentation for expenses. This is a contracted process with reporting requirements directly related to the services provided as stated in your application.

Key Information in the Request for Proposal Documents

What To Look For in the RFP

- Details on each funding category – the goals and priorities of each category or award

- Evaluation criteria

- Required organization or collaborative information

- Narrative questions

- Required uploads (*some require you to use a template that is provided)

- Other details about the grants: reporting and participation requirements, grant periods, and estimated funding pools per category

Follow up webinars starting next week will help walk through the RFPs and answer more detailed and specific questions.

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Service Categories: Table of Contents

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Priorities and Goals of Funding

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Supporting, Securing, and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations

Background

Some populations are disproportionately high-risk for homelessness, including - but not limited to - the chronically homeless, senior citizens, those with mental illness or substance use disorders, and LGBTQIA+ teens. For example, nearly a quarter (23%) of the entire sheltered population is over the age of 50, with a predicted increase in the older adult homeless population.[6] Most residents of encampments are adult men with disabilities, including mental illness and substance use disorders.[7] Local housing providers estimate that as many as 40% of homeless teens in Cincinnati are LGBTQIA+.[8]

Priorities and Goal(s) of Funding

Through this priority, Council seeks to provide funding for projects aimed at the populations at most high-risk for homelessness that:

- provide housing support;
- provide transitional housing for those in recovery; or
- other housing resources.

Taking a housing-first approach to helping our most high-risk and vulnerable residents will create a stable, equitable future for all Cincinnatians.

Proposal Criteria

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Proposal Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed by United Way of Greater Cincinnati staff and the Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) using the criteria below. A final recommendation of applications to fund will be provided to City Council for the determination of funding.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Organizational Capacity, Experience & Expertise to Implement Proposed Program

- o Demonstrates the capacity to implement the proposed program(s) within the grant period; and
- o Demonstrates the experience and expertise to implement the proposed services and provide culturally responsive services to the targeted community. This includes organizational and staff proximity to the community challenge, lived experience, representation of staff in comparison to the community, and professional education, experience, and expertise.

Evidence of Data-Informed Approach(es) and Proposed Impact

- o Clearly demonstrates the problem the proposal seeks to address as it relates to the community; and
- o Provides clear data and evidence to support the proposed program or services, and impact.

Alignment with Goals of the Service Category and Priority Area(s)

- o Demonstrates strong program alignment to the goals of the service category and the funding priorities under the category.

High Potential to Achieve the Targeted Impact
- o Demonstrates high potential to achieve the targeted impact and outcomes.

Basic Information on the Applicant (including a required attachment)

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- **Applicant Name and Mailing Address**
  Enter the lead applicant's name (agency name)

- **Primary Contact for Proposal**
  Provide name, title, email and phone number for the primary contact for this proposal and all related communication

- **Agency CEO Contact Information**
  Provide name, title, and email address for the Agency CEO

- **Agency CEO Demographics**
  Provide the gender, age range, and race/ ethnicity of the Agency CEO

- **Agency Board Chair Contact Information**
  Provide name, title/ organization (if applicable), and email address of the Board Chair

- **Agency Board Chair Demographics**
  Provide the gender, age range, and race/ ethnicity of the Board Chair

- **Agency History, Mission & Purpose**
  Briefly state the agency's history, mission and overall purpose.

- **Service Capacity and City of Cincinnati Residents Served**
  Provide the total number of people served by the agency in an average 12 month period and the percentage of which are City of Cincinnati residents. Provide the top 10 City of Cincinnati zip codes served.

- **Required Applicant Information Upload**
  Using the provided Impact Award- Application Information Required Upload, provide the following information:
  - **Agency Board Roster & Demographics:** Complete Tab 1. Lead Agency Board Roster to provide the name, role, and demographics for each board member
  - **Agency Staff Race/ Ethnicity**: Complete Tab 2. Staff Race/Ethnicity to provide an aggregate overview of race/ ethnicity of agency staff.

  The excel template will provide the following options for each category:
  - **Gender**: Female, Male, Non-binary or Prefer to Self-Describe, Unknown/Not Collected
  - **Age Range**: Younger than 25, 25-35, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65 and older, Unknown/ Not Collected
  - **Race/ Ethnicity**: Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native, White/Caucasian, Two or More Race/ Ethnicities, Other/ Prefer to Self-Describe, Unknown/ Not Collected

An excel template must be used.

Proposal Narrative

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Proposal Information

- **Program Name**
  Provide the name of the proposed program or project.

- **Service Category**
  Select the funding service category

- **Amount Requested**

- **Program Narrative**
  Provide a narrative to complement the program design attachment. Describe the program, proposed services and key strategies. Share details about the communities or target populations the project seeks to serve. Provide more information about the program design, including:

  - **Evidence of need for this particular program.** Do not provide general community data such as poverty or addiction levels, but data about demand for this program. Are there waiting lists? Are waiting lists growing over time? Has program participation increased over time? Has the neighborhood/school/etc. asked the agency to provide this service, and if so, why?

  - **Why this program design was chosen.** Programs make choices about what activities to provide and what models to adopt. Why is your program structured in this way and not in a different way? Did you adopt a national model or established best practices? If so, explain the model and why it was chosen. Did you start with a pilot project to test for success?

  - **What communities or populations do you target to serve. How participants are recruited.** Where do you target to provide your services? Do people just show up or do you actively market your services? Do people have to meet specific requirements to be eligible to participate in the program? What are those requirements?

- **Category Alignment**
  How does this program align to the goals, priority areas, and, if appropriate, target populations of this funding category?

  Workforce Development – What population(s) or communities does the program currently serve or plan to serve? How does the program support one or more of the following strategies: expand access to quality childcare; build capacity and career opportunities within the childcare industry; provide upskill training that prepares women for careers in growing sectors such as technology, infrastructure, or sustainability or other similar projects with a focus on creating economic stability.

  Youth Violence – What age range and neighborhoods does the program currently serve or target to serve? How does the program target youth in the top neighborhoods for gun violence, address all those caught in the cycle of gun violence, provide economic stability for youth at-risk, or provide other community- and place-based initiatives.

  Housing – How do you aim to support populations most high-risk for homelessness and provide housing supports, transitional housing for those in recovery or other housing resources?

- **Organizational Capacity, Experience and Expertise**
  Briefly state the agency's capacity, experience, and expertise to serve targeted communities and implement the project proposed. Explain how the program will have the capacity to achieve its proposed activities.

- **Data-inform Approach(es) and Impact**
  Share how the program used or plans to use data to inform the delivery of services. This could include details on evidence from proven models or research, best practices, past outcomes and internal learnings, or evidence in support of the program design.

- **Current and proposed outcomes**
  Provide a brief narrative of results over time, if available, and proposed outcomes. If possible, compare program results with national data on non-program participants or other baseline data.

  Provide proposed outputs or outcomes for the following priorities (as applicable and based on service category) along with how the output or outcome will be measured and methodology or data collection process.

  Workforce:
  - Target women or caregivers*
  - remove barriers to workforce participation
  - expand access to quality childcare
  - build capacity and career opportunities within the childcare industry
  - provide upskill training that prepares women for careers in growing sectors such as technology, infrastructure, or sustainability
  - creating economic stability

  Youth:
  - Target youth in the top neighborhoods for gun violence*
  - address all those caught in the cycle of gun violence
  - provide economic stability for youth at-risk such as job training, training stipends, credentialing, or placement in good-paying jobs
  - other community- and place-based supports for at-risk youth

  Housing:
  - Target populations the most high-risk for homelessness*
  - provide housing support
  - provide transitional housing for those in recovery
  - provide other housing resources.

- **Use of Human Services Fund and Program Sustainability**
  Provide a full explanation of how this program is funded and how the program would be sustained after this grant period, if funded. List specific sources of funds and anticipated amounts to be received from all sources in the grant period. Describe how the Human Services funding would be spent and how this would impact the program and results. Explain how the City of Cincinnati would benefit from investment in this program, including how City of Cincinnati residents will be served.

Proposed Budget

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Year 1 Proposed Budget		
Revenue	<u>City Funds</u>	<u>Non-City Funds</u>
Corporate		
Hamilton County		
Foundations		
Direct Federal Grants		
Fees for Program Participants		
City of Cincinnati – General Fund		
United Way of Greater Cincinnati		
State of Ohio		
Other – Please list all other specific sources of income		
Total Revenue (All Sources)		
Expenses		
Salaries		
Salaries (Itemized with the position title and percentage of time)		
Employee Fringe Benefits		
Contracted Services		
Contracted Services *(Itemized by subcontractor and associated cost; if awarded funding, contracts/ agreements with each subcontractor will need to be submitted and approved.)*		
Other Direct Expenses		
Travel *(Mileage only within the City of Cincinnati at a rate not to exceed the current City mileage reimbursement rate.)*		
Space *(Total for Rent, utilities, telephone, building insurance, etc. Excludes cell phone, beeper, long distance and directory assistance service.)*		
Consumable Office and Program Supplies *(Excludes food and beverage costs)*		
Operational Expenses *(Liability and Fidelity Bond insurance, printing, postage, etc.)*		
Other		
Other - Please list all other expenses connected with this program that do not fit in a previous category.*		
Total Expenses		
Surplus or (Deficit)	Auto calculated	Auto calculated

Only provide a ONE YEAR program budget.

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Program Required Attachment

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Program Design Attachment (Required Upload)

Attach a document with your program design or model. The attachment should, at a minimum, include critical program resources (inputs), key activities and service components, and the desired outputs and outcomes of the program. You may choose to include information about programmatic assumptions or constraints.

This attachment can come in any form but should be limited to two-pages. If helpful, the following templates are available for use: Logic Model, Program Model, and Theory of Change.

Templates are provided, if needed.

This attachment can come in any form but should be limited to two pages. If helpful, the following templates are available for use:

- **Logic Model (.pdf)**
- **Program Model (.pdf)**
- **Theory of Change Model (.pdf)**

Impact Award: Table of Contents

Primarily the same contents – but there are some differences!

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Proposal Criteria

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Organizational Capacity, Experience & Expertise to Implement Proposed Project

- o Demonstrates a strong collaboration of multiple community partners or stakeholders; and
- o Demonstrates the capacity to implement the proposed project within the time period and proposed budget; and
- o Demonstrates the experience and expertise to implement the proposed services and provide culturally responsive services to the targeted community. This includes organizational and staff proximity to the community challenge, lived experience, representation of staff in comparison to the community, and professional education, experience, and expertise.

Evidence of Data-Informed Approach(es) and Proposed Impact

- o Cleary demonstrates the problem the proposal seeks to address as it relates to the community; and
- o Provides clear data and evidence to support the proposed approach, timeline, and impact.

Alignment with Goals of the Impact Award

- o Demonstrates strong alignment to the goals of the impact award and purchase of the Impact Award. This includes aligning to one or more of the following goals:
  - Reducing the number of evictions for families and children
  - Reducing the community costs associated with evictions
  - Maximizing the City's limited housing supply
  - Creating a better quality of life for residents of all our neighborhoods

High Potential for Systems Change Learning, Scale or Sustainability
- o Demonstrates potential to leverage the Impact Award to do one or more of the following:
  - Build evidence of the impact of innovative approaches that could be broadly adopted by other organizations after the impact award;
  - Inform policy change to sustain impact; and/or
  - Establish longer term sustainability of the program/ approach through other funding.

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Applicant Contact Information and Request

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- **Lead Agency Board Chair Contact Information**
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- **Agency Board Chair Demographics**
  Provide the gender, age range, and race/ ethnicity of the Board Chair

- **Lead Applicant History, Mission & Purpose**
  Briefly state the agency's history, mission, and overall purpose.

- **Collaborative Partners**
  List the collaborative partners names and provide a brief description of each partner

- **Type of Collaborative (Existing and Length or New)**
  Select the type of collaborative. If existing, provide the number of years the collaborative has been in place.

- **Service Capacity and City of Cincinnati Residents Served**
  Provide the total number of people served by the collaborative in an average 12-month period and the percentage of City of Cincinnati residents. Provide the top 10 City of Cincinnati zip codes served. If the collaborative is new, provide an aggregate number of the City of Cincinnati residents served by all collaborative partners.

- **Collaborative Project Name**
  Provide the name of the collaborative project

- **Amount Requested**
  Provide the amount of requested

- **Required Applicant Information Upload**
  Using the provided Impact Award- Application Information Required Upload, provide the following information:
  - **Agency & Collaborative Partner Board Roster & Demographics**: Complete Tab 1. Board Rosters to provide the name, role, and demographics for all board members of each partner (lead and collaborative).
  - **Collaborative Partner CEO Contact Information and Demographics**: Complete Tab 2. Collaborative Partner CEOs to provide the name, title, gender, age range, and race/ ethnicity for the CEO of each collaborative partner
  - **Lead & Collaborative Partner Staff Race/ Ethnicity**: Complete Tab 3. Lead & Collaborative Staff to provide an aggregate overview race/ ethnicity of each partner's staff.

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Proposed 3 Year Budget

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Provide a proposed (up to) 3 YEAR project budget.

Proposed Budget				
Revenue	Planning Phase	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Corporate				
Hamilton County				
Foundations				
Direct Federal Grants				
Fees for Program Participants				
City of Cincinnati GFO				
United Way of Greater Cincinnati				
State of Ohio				
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Total Revenue (All Sources)				
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Contracted Services *(Itemized by subcontractor and associated cost; if awarded funding, contracts/ agreements with each subcontractor will need to be submitted and approved.)*				
Other Direct Expenses				
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Space *(Total for Rent, utilities, telephone, building insurance, etc.* *Excludes cell phone, beeper, long distance and directory assistance service.)*				
Consumable Office and Program Supplies *(Excludes food and beverage costs)*				
Operational Expenses *(Liability and Fidelity Bond insurance, printing, postage, etc.)*				
Other				
Other - Please list all other expenses connected with this program that do not fit in a previous category *				
Total Expenses				

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Required Attachments

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Required Uploads

- **Documentation of Collaboration:** Upload document(s) to support the current state/ structure of the collaborative. This could be a MOU among partners, Letters of Commitment, Governance Structure or Partnership Agreements.
- **Planning Period and Implementation Plan Template**
- **Proposed Program Design*** (Note: While there is not a required template, this upload should include an overview of the proposed program design such as specifying the key drivers the program seeks to impact and its vision for change, proposed inputs, activities, milestones and short- and longer-term outcomes. Example tools include a Theory of Change or Logic Mode. If awarded, this documentation can be revised after the planning period.)

Required Attachments: Planning & Implementation Plan

Provided template must be used.

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IMPACT AWARD: Eviction Prevention and Housing Stabilization

City of Cincinnati Human Services Fund, FY2024

Planning Period and Implementation Plan Template

Please use this document to detail the proposed project plan, including:

- time needed for the planning period, along with milestones or key objectives of the planning period
- time needed, activities, and potential milestones of the implementation period
- potential constraints, key assumptions or dependencies that could present a chal' proposed plan
- how the collaborative plans to minimize or mitigate potential challenges

Basic Information:

Lead Agency Name:

Partner Agencies:

Program Name:

Project Information:

Describe the program and the expected outcomes. What do you want to accomplish? H measure success?

Assumptions and Constraints

Share potential constraints, key assumptions, or dependencies that could present a challenge to the proposed plan. Some things to consider: schedule, budget, resources and skills, etc. How does the collaborative plan to minimize or mitigate potential challenges?

Action Plan for Planning Period:

Estimated dates for the planning period (no longer than 6 months after September 1, 2023):

Use the table below to list the action steps and anticipated major milestones of the planning period. Please include information on the responsible agency and the anticipated completion dates. The due dates do not need to be exact.

Add more lines to the table as needed.

Action / Milestone	Agency Accountable	Due Date	Comments

How will you know you're ready to move on to implementation?

Key Similarities & Differences

*Required template

	Service Categories	Impact Award
Organizational information	✓	✓
Organizational Attachment	Applicant Information Only*	Applicant & Collaborative Partner Information*
Proposal Narrative Data Informed Approach, Proposed Outcomes, Budgets, Program Design/ Implementation	✓	✓
Budget	One year project budget	3 year project budget
Program Attachment(s)	Program Model	Collaborative Documentation; Planning & Implementation Plan*; Program Model
Application Deadline	March 31	April 28
Funding Period	Annual grant FY 24 and (likely) FY 25	One grant, up to three years of implementation

Service Categories: Details

Comprehensive Workforce Development

Background

During the COVID-19 pandemic, 2.4 million women left the workforce, and nearly half (46%) were Hispanic or Black women.[1] Between 2019 and 2021, there was a 6.0% decline in high school graduate women in the labor force.[2] In comparison, men with the same education only had a 1.8% decline.[3] Women who did not graduate high school had a 12.7% decline in the workforce, while men of a similar education level only saw a 4.9% decline.[4]

This loss in the workforce has resulted in lower financial stability for families and a loss of tax revenue for the City. A large percentage of these women were mothers who left due to family demands, such as school closures or lack of childcare.

Comprehensive Workforce Development

Priorities and Goal(s) of Funding

Through this priority, Council seeks to fund projects that:
- expand access to quality childcare;
- build capacity and career opportunities within the childcare industry;
- provide upskill training that prepares women for careers in growing sectors such as technology, infrastructure, or sustainability;
- or other similar projects with a focus on creating economic stability.

Removing barriers to workforce participation and providing the training for a meaningful career will empower mothers and caregivers to return the workforce, achieve financial stability, and increase the tax base for the City.

Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction

Background

In February 2022, the City of Cincinnati declared gun violence as a public health crisis. Gun violence can happen anywhere: places of worship, grocery stores, hospitals, schools. Gun violence has surpassed traffic crashes as a leading cause of death among US children and teens. The number of juveniles charged with murder in Hamilton County has increased significantly in the last two years.[5]

The City must address the root causes of gun violence and collaborate with our community partners to create truly comprehensive, trauma-informed solutions to gun violence and its effect on our youth (14-35). Initiatives should be data-driven and explore innovative solutions to both stop the violence and uplift our residents.

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Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction

Priorities and Goal(s) of Funding
With this project, Council seeks to fund projects that:
- target youth in the top neighborhoods* for gun violence

  City of Cincinnati data on gun violence and violent crimes is provided as reference document to the RFP
- address all those caught in the cycle of gun violence - both the potential victims and the potential perpetrators;
- provide economic stability for youth at-risk living in the top neighborhoods, such as job training, training stipends, credentialing, or placement in good-paying jobs;
- and other community- and place-based initiatives.

These types of community-based intervention and prevention strategies help to break the cycle of violence and will help us build a safer Cincinnati.

Supporting, Securing and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations

Background

Some populations are disproportionately high-risk for homelessness, including - but not limited to - the chronically homeless, senior citizens, those with mental illness or substance use disorders, and LGBTQIA+ teens. For example, nearly a quarter (23%) of the entire sheltered population is over the age of 50, with a predicted increase in the older adult homeless population.[6] Most residents of encampments are adult men with disabilities, including mental illness and substance use disorders.[7] Local housing providers estimate that as many as 40% of homeless teens in Cincinnati are LGBTQIA+.[8]

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Supporting, Securing and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations

<u>Priorities and Goal(s) of Funding</u>

Through this priority, Council seeks to provide funding for projects aimed at the populations at most high-risk for homelessness that:

- provide housing support;
- provide transitional housing for those in recovery; or
- other housing resources.

Taking a housing-first approach to helping our most high-risk and vulnerable residents will create a stable, equitable future for all Cincinnatians.

Impact Award: Detail

Eviction Prevention and Housing Stabilization

Community Challenge: Housing

Cincinnati is in the middle of a historic housing crisis. In 2017, less than one percent (0.4%) of evictions in Hamilton County were decided in favor of the tenant.[1] This is further an issue of equity, with neighborhood racial composition being the strongest predictor of eviction filing rates in Hamilton County.[2] The housing crisis is further impacted by the rapid spike in rental rates across the entire state.[3] Just last month, Cincinnati ranked as one of the Top 10 U.S. Cities for largest year-over-year rent increases.

Eviction Prevention and Housing Stabilization

Purpose and Goal of the Impact Award

With the Impact Award, Council seeks to fund one collaborative project between multiple organizations and the City to address Cincinnati's eviction and housing crisis. The project should work to reduce evictions and stabilize housing by tracking eviction trends; using predictive analysis; funding immediate costs; and providing access to legal services.

Project proposals are encouraged to leverage multiple solutions to create a comprehensive strategy to address eviction and housing instability, including access to legal services, financial support, and social services. Reducing the number of evictions will ensure more stability for families and children, reduce the community costs associated with evictions, maximize the City's limited housing supply, and create a better quality of life for residents of all our neighborhoods.

Review: Process & Key Dates

Application Steps

Details and requirements for proposals are explained in the Human Services Fund RFPs at
https://www.uwgc.org/for-nonprofits/funding-opportunities

It is highly recommended you attend one of the webinars mentioned at the beginning of the presentation. Registration information also found on the website.

Complete the application in the e-CImpact portal.

Applications are due **on Friday March 31st** for the Service Categories (Workforce Development, Youth Gun Violence and Housing for High-Risk Populations)

Late applications will be deemed ineligible and will not receive funding

Applications are due **on Friday, April 28th** for the Impact Award

Late applications will be deemed ineligible and will not receive funding

Application Steps

All submitted proposals will be screened for eligibility and evaluated against the criteria designated in the specific RFPs

Applications will be reviewed by Human Service Advisory Committee (HSAC) teams.

HSAC will provide award recommendations for City Council to consider.

Notification of Award will occur in July.

Contracts and programs will begin September 1st.

Application Steps

- You will find the PDF versions of the RFPs, Required Attachments, Templates for other Documents, future FAQs and the timeline on our Website: https://www.uwgc.org/for-nonprofits/funding-opportunities/city-cincinnati-human-services-fund-2023

- The application will be online via our e-CImpact portal, which will open on Friday, February 24th.
  - We will provide an e-CImpact tutorial that will help you register for the portal if needed and walk through the online application. This will be posted on our website by February 24th.

Important Reminders

Cut off dates for content questions to RFPs:

- March 17th - Service Category questions
- April 14th - Impact Award questions

- The application must be submitted via e-CImpact, which will open on February 24th
- Submit questions or requests for assistance to: Humanservicesfund@uwgc.org
- FAQ documents will be updated weekly (if needed) and posted online
- Live technical assistance for the online application assistance is only available between 8:30 AM – 4:30PM

Attend Future Webinars for More Information

Upcoming Webinars:

Detailed Overview and Q&A sessions to learn more information about each RFP:

- February 21: Q&A Webinar (Services Category Only)
  - Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-cincinnati-human-services-fund-service-categories-tickets-53622434737

- February 23: Q&A Webinar (Impact Award Only)
  - Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-cincinnati-human-services-fund-impact-award-tickets-536246727397

Thank you!