

HRTF Co-Chair Meeting 07.28.2021

New FBO member – Pastor Williams – connect after meeting

Lawrence introduced Amy and that today is about understanding how this funding can be allocated and utilized

Amy

ARPA – first time distribution

3 million to homeless reduction

Those receiving this funding will be considered a sub-recipient

This is only for non-infrastructure deals – this would not apply to buildings

This is only for services

She reviewed the requirements

- Added “quasi governmental to bullet point 1
- Churches would be pre-cluded... question of how to get to them? Way to include them?
- Laura suggesting 990 form for validation as nonprofit instead of letter of determination
- DUNS number is required federally
- “public purpose” – ie, doing work on a private property, etc
- Can use this money to match non-federal grants unless it’s prohibited
- Suggestion to provide examples of what would be eligible and what would not be eligible
- The HRTF may be part of the vetting process for funding recommendations and reviews – Co-chairs can spend the next 2 months in our meetings and get their feedback on what might meet these guidelines
- Clarified that subrecipients can call to ask for pre-approval for expenditures to insure that their receipts will truly be reimbursed

Noted that mission of this is to reduce, prevent, or mitigate homelessness in the city

County will be getting funding for rental assistance – 2 allocations of emergency rental/utility assistance funding ... about 17 million dollars; will also be doing mortgage assistance with CDBG money (\$100k); call Meredith asap

Calendar of availability of all this

These programs are certainly intense to try to administer

The state also has that funding – I think through Our Florida?

Capacity and demonstrated performance

Noted that for 8.a. that the orgs who receive these dollars would need to have had specific experience with dealing with these funds

3pm meeting today for Housing SubCom

“Supportive housing” implies case management – this could also mean rent assistance; could also include homeless shelters (ie, operations for homeless shelters)

Recipients have to be in a qualified census track, median income

Question about physical stock

Another \$2million is being allocated by city to cover rehab, first time home buyer, development incentives (very broad)

Idea about purchasing a hotel as one-stop shop ... Amy indicates this would be an allowable use

4.1 million going to county that could be used for physical allocation, rehabs, new builds, etc

Leasing a hotel facility would be an option for this funding we think – Amy will pose the question to treasury

Need to talk with Dr. Calvin Avant!

Adding case management, transportation, ID, medicines

Administrative costs are allowable as long as they are documented, but Amy says that typically the federal government calls these excessive; typically 10% for admin

Questions for FBO Sub Com

What are the faith based orgs or churches that might not be eligible

Getting a clear understanding of what is available in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties

Put together a survey – draft form through Survey Monkey – trying to get this information to various agencies

- Survey will go live on Friday with a deadline of August 13
- Try to pass the survey link along to as many people as possible
- Can also provide paper copies
- Oxford House mentioned by a participant with youth work? Did not get her name

Homeless Funding Resources Overview

- Handout overviews it

They are also going to develop a glossary of terms – “homeless” means different things depending on different grants

John Ellis

Wayne Evers – PenAir, Navy Federal in partnership with him

Will also look at a separate list of construction funding, rehabbing, etc

Source of Income – fair housing ordinance – you cannot discriminate against a potential renter based on income source... Marcie said that there is a council person who is really interested in this and this would be a good connecting point for JUST Pensacola

Human Relations Commission has been re-started – new director is still getting his feet under him but could be helpful in all that