
Violence Prevention and COVID Relief RFP

Frequently Asked Questions

The following frequently asked questions and answers reflect the questions we received via applicant workshops that took place on Friday, March 12, 2021, and Tuesday, March 23, 2021. We hope the following information proves helpful to those who are interested in learning more about the Violence Prevention and COVID Relief RFP. Please note that these FAQs refer specifically to this RFP process and are not intended to be guidance for future RFPs

General Questions

Can you explain how the funding amounts in each area works?

Answer: The funding totals listed in the RFP are for each area overall. We anticipate the funding totals in each area will be provided to multiple organizations in many cases.

Is the shift from EOP/CBE funds to this permanent?

Answer: We are currently focusing 2021 funds on supporting individuals and families in our community who face significant challenges caused by COVID.

Can you explain more about the requirement that funding for youth and basic needs is only for existing programs?

Answer: Funding is only available through the end of this year so we need agencies and programs that can immediately expand because they already have a program, policy, clients, and structures in place.

Can proposals come from a partnership of multiple agencies?

Answer: Yes! Collaborations are great, especially when each partner's role is clear.

Can agencies apply in multiple areas of the RFP?

Answer: Yes, you can apply for more than one area of RFP, but each area requires a separate application. Explain the links between the areas in each of your applications.

Is this funding for City of Madison Programs only?

Answer: This RFP is funded through City Levy and City levy funding needs to support City of Madison residents. If your program serves individuals outside of the City in addition to City residents, please explain in your proposal and budget how the City's funding will specifically support City residents.

When will this funding be available?

Answer: The anticipated contract start date is June 1, 2021. Contracts will be developed after awards are finalized by the Common Council. Please refer to page 12 of the RFP guidelines to view additional information regarding the RFP timeline.

What qualifies under basic needs?

Answer: Food, medical expenses, school needs, bills, household items, etc.

Where should we put existing funds we have for a program on the application budget?

Answer: On the budget page, include existing funds in total cost of program.

Community Safety Direct Outreach Program:

How long will the Program run?

Answer: The funding will be provided for about 6 months and it will end in 2021. The program model should be fully developed in that time frame.

How is the funding set up?

Answer: Implementation and program development funds total \$60,000.

Will the program eventually scale up?

Answer: We are open to the future and potentially expanding although there are no concrete plans yet.

Youth Employment and Middle School Program Expansion:

Where is the Madison School out of Time Best Practice Document?

Answer: It is linked in the RFP Guidelines on page 7.

How did youth employment and middle school program expansion get looped into violence prevention?

Answer: This is a systemic approach. We are trying to highlight multiple areas to violence prevention including youth, adults, etc. In linking this with violence prevention this allows for another path for violence prevention that amplifies youth voice and continues to provide opportunities for youth to thrive as we know this is a protective factor for many things, including but not limited to violence. This is not intended to equate young people with violence.