AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)
CORONAVIRUS STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS
REQUEST FOR IDEAS (RFI)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Date of Opening: February 14, 2022 at 8 a.m. EST

Idea Submission Deadline: March 13, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST

Updates to this document have been made in ORANGE. (Version 2)

Updates to this document have been made in RED. (Version 3)

1. Is there a cap on the amount of funding that can be awarded towards an organization or project?

There is not a cap on the amount of funding that can be requested through the Growth & Recovery RFI process.

2. Do these grant funds have to be paid back to the County?

Awards made through the County's Growth & Recovery RFI process will not have to be paid back to the County unless they are used in a way that's out of alignment with the Terms & Conditions of the form and the ultimate subaward agreement.

3. Should we be asking for a one-time award or a multi-year ending in 2026?

It depends on if you are identifying your project as near or long term.

- ➢ <u>Near Term Idea Proposal:</u> One that can be ready to execute immediately with a completion date of no later than December 31, 2023.
    - o Align to County values, priorities, and community needs
    - o Align with already identified eligible uses
    - o Serve residents that have been impacted or disproportionately impacted
    - o Support equitable outcomes for impacted or disproportionately impacted populations
    - o Leverage and align with other governmental funding sources
    - o Have a near-term deployment and delivery with a lasting impact.
- ➢ <u>Long Term Idea Proposal:</u> One that triggers a profound, ripple effect of positive, multi-dimensional change in ways that fundamentally improve our county. The proposal deliberatively targets an important problem the county faces and contributes to tackling it. It leads to a positive chain-reaction.
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    - o Leverage and align with other governmental funding of resources
    - o Center on place-making by capitalizing on community assets and inspiration.

4. Can we apply as a lead organization and as a collaboration?

You may apply as a lead organization and be a part of a collaborative proposal that another entity is submitting for as the lead entity. Please ensure that no double dipping for funds occurs through this process.

5. Will funding be considered if larger than will be funded?

The County will consider funding at a lower amount but will ensure that the lead entity can meet the needs of the project in doing so.

6. Does this grant have anything to do with the City of Greensboro's ARPA request for proposals?

Guildford County's Growth & Recovery RFI process is separate from the City of Greensboro's process. The County will be communicating with the City about their process and our process, so that we ensure we are maximizing impact in the county.

7. How will the applications be scored or reviewed? Is there a weighed score for each question?

There is not a weighed scoring matrix for the RFI. Submitted ideas will be reviewed for alignment to the Treasury's rules and guidance for use of the funds, as well as through a risk assessment.

10. If our RFI proposal addresses more than one federal funding expenditure category for our project, how do we include them all?

Please select the one expenditure category that you will spend the *most* money and time investment on. This does not bind you to that expenditure category but helps us and you think through how we might report to the Treasury.

11. I have two supporting materials that I'd like to include to support the request. How can I attach them?

We have added an "Other Supporting Materials" section to the application where you can upload any other files that you would like to include.

12. Do we need formal agreements with partners? Or, are letters of support enough?

These are not required elements of the application. However, you may submit them in the Other Supporting Materials section.

14. Can businesses apply?

Businesses may not submit through the Growth & Recovery RFI. However, non-profit organizations, tax-exempt organizations, or public (municipal) bodies serving businesses may apply.

15. Can municipalities submit multiple project request forms?

Municipalities may make multiple submissions of the RFI. For municipalities, please make one RFI submission per project.

16. Is it OK to include administrative costs?

Administrative costs can be submitted through the process if they are 10% or less of the total submission, and the administrative costs are necessary and reasonable to the project.

17. What are examples of what we might submit to documentation on population served? (added 3/4/2022)

Questions 1 and 2 of the Population Served question ask that you provide supporting documentation if you answer yes to either question. Please do not provide any personal identifying or protected information. Examples of supporting documentation for these questions include counts of clients in each income bracket, or sample registration/intake forms that indicated that those you serve are required to fall in these demographic/experiential areas.

17. Is there a priority system for near vs. long-term funding requests?

There is not. However, it is possible that we will begin making near-term awards first.

18. In the budget section of the term, should we include figures related to the specific project or the organization's overall budget?

You should include the figures related to the specific project. If you'd like, you may upload the organizations overall budget in the "Other Supporting Materials" section of the form.

19. Is a signed letter by our Board Chair enough to satisfy the documentation of board approval?

If the Board Chair has the authority to do so on behalf of the Board, then we will accept that.

20. My organization already has our budget filled out in another form. How should we include that in the form?

You may submit the line-term or other project budget form in the "Other Supporting Materials" section of the form.