



Housing+ Request for Proposals Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Will the slides be available after the presentation?**

Yes. They can be accessed through the CCT website: <http://cct.org/what-we-offer/housing-plus-rlp/>

2. **Are MOUs or Letters of Support required?**

MOUs and Letters of Support are helpful documentation and Grant Central allows the option of uploading up to three supporting documents. A partnership budget is required; this document should be uploaded in Grant Central.

3. **Can groups apply as lead agency on more than one application?**

Yes, as long as they are applying for different and distinct partnerships, programs, etc. We ask that organizations do this within reason. We are looking for well thought out, strong partnerships, and the number of applications does not increase your likelihood of a grant award.

4. **If we are applying for a shared grant, through partnerships or a coalition, do we submit one application or apply individually?**

There should be one application submitted by a lead applicant representing the coalition. Describe the partnership or coalition in the narrative and include a partnership budget where budget line items document the partners.

5. **Can two agencies working together do separate applications for other projects?**

We understand that one organization may be involved in multiple partnerships. The Trust will consider more than one application that include a common partner. We will be looking for possible duplication of efforts as we see multiples applications that include similar partners and/or similar approaches. Partnerships are a critical component of any proposals and as such, we encourage organizations that are working together to apply together as much as possible.

6. **Does each partner have to create an organizational profile in Grant Central?**

Only the lead organization must complete a profile in Grant Central. A fully updated and complete profile must be created prior to submitting the application. In the interest of time, we highly recommend that the organizational profile be completed and/or updated as soon as possible and even if the proposal is in development.

7. **Is this funding intended to replace other funding provided by the Trust?**
No. The Trust was able to allocate funds to support this RFP out of its existing budget above and beyond its current grant obligations.
8. **If I am a GO grant recipient, am I eligible?**
Yes.
9. **Is advocacy an eligible activity across the issue domains (housing, education, health, and criminal justice)?**
Yes.
10. **Will available grant dollars be divided equally between the three areas of health, education and criminal justice?**
No. We would like to support housing partnerships across all three domains (education, health, and criminal justice), but we will not be looking to fund the areas equally. We will make funding decisions based on the strength of the applications themselves and the people and geographies served.
11. **Can this grant be used to support capital (construction, equipment, etc.)?**
We have limited eligible capital expenses up to 10 percent of the overall budget.
12. **What does capital mean in the context of this grant? For example, is early stage pre-development acceptable?**
We understand that many of these programs and pilots are in various stages of development planning. Funding support may be used for planning and pre-development work.
13. **Is this a one year opportunity?**
Yes, but one that will inform the Trust's work moving forward
14. **If this is a one year opportunity, how important is sustainability to the application?**
While long-term sustainability is ideal, given this is a one-year grant, we understand that this grant in of itself cannot insure long-term sustainability. We ask applicants to address ways you are leveraging partnership and other resources, how you will learn from the process and what your long-term vision is for the work. The Trust will use this as an opportunity to get a better understanding of the landscape, to inform our work and grant making moving forward, and to get a better sense of what is happening and to highlight the demand and interest with a broader audience.
15. **Is there a possibility that this might be more than one year?**
We have available resources for one year. Funding beyond that will require further approvals by leadership at the Chicago Community Trust.
16. **Does this apply to education beyond the school setting, for example, workforce training programs?**
As we have defined it, this grant opportunity is for school-based education partnerships. Workforce or other types of extracurricular learning or adult learning might be a category in the future, but is not part of this Housing+ RFP.

17. Does school-based education include early childhood, or just K-12?

The intent is to help provide housing stability that will support education outcomes for children and young adults from early childhood, K-12, and partnerships that include 2-4 year accredited college institutions.

18. Can a proposal cross all three areas (health, education, and criminal justice)?

Yes. Your proposal can cross all areas, or any combination of the three.

19. If the decisions will be made in September, when will funding be available?

Funding would be available in October 2017.

20. Are transitional housing partnerships and programs eligible?

Research has documented the importance of permanent housing in improving outcomes in educational attainment, reducing recidivism, and improved health. As such, we will not consider proposals that solely offer temporary housing solutions for this RFP.

21. Is there a preference for programs or advocacy in proposals, or do they have to include both?

While not a requirement to include both, we hope to support some proposals that are making the connection between systems change and applied work. As such, applications that are linking advocacy and programming will likely be reviewed more favorably, all else being equal.

22. Will proposals be based on number on people served?

Number of people served is a factor for consideration, but scalability is more important. We acknowledge that pilot programs may be small, and often advocacy work may not touch as many individuals initially.

23. Is mental health included as a component of the health pillar?

Yes.

24. Is there any preference for families vs. individuals?

There is no preference.

25. Are you actively trying to choose projects that are spread throughout the 7 counties or will there be more focus?

While The Chicago Community Trust serves the entire seven collar county region, we do have a focus on racial equity. As such, we will be looking to support efforts that serve or focus on communities of color and areas struggling with disinvestment. This does not preclude other areas from consideration.

26. Do partnerships with schools count?

Yes.

27. Are rental subsidies an eligible use?

No, given this is a one-year grant, utilizing this as a rental subsidy runs the risk of providing temporary and not permanent housing support.