

# 2023 AID TO AGENCIES OVERVIEW

Study Session  
June 7, 2022

# PURPOSE

- 1) Review feedback from 2022 grant cycle
- 2) Discuss proposed revisions and timeline
- 3) Board discussion

**BACKGROUND**



# 2022 GRANT CYCLE REVISIONS

Adopted a new Aid to Agencies model: Safety Net program and competitive grant application

Prioritized four service areas (behavioral and mental health, homelessness, seniors, domestic violence)

Implemented an award cap of \$100,000 for competitive applications

Included additional reporting and media requirements

# 2022 FEEDBACK

## **Application Review/Evaluation**

- Categories are too broad; it would be beneficial to refine
- Consider geographic access
- Understand additional Arapahoe County funding sources (ARPA, CDBG)

## **Post-Award/Reporting**

- More narrative approach to how funding is being spent
- Establish clear feedback loops for applicants

# PROPOSED REVISIONS



# PROPOSED REVISIONS (COMPETITIVE GRANTS)

## Clarified Categories

- More descriptive to indicate what services Arapahoe County is funding

## Criteria

- Increased emphasis on scope of services and ensuring geographic balance or providing a geographic-specific service
- Minor revisions throughout to remove references to prior years
- Categorized and simplified



# CURRENT FUNDING CATEGORIES

Behavioral/Mental Health

Homelessness

Domestic Violence

Seniors

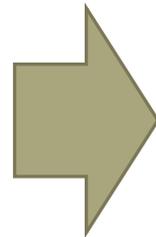
# PROPOSED FUNDING CATEGORIES

Behavioral/Mental Health

Homelessness

Domestic Violence

Seniors



Transportation

Substance Abuse Treatment

Mental Health/Behavioral Health

Shelter

Food Assistance

Domestic Violence Support

Affordable Housing

Employment Skills/Services

Case Management

# FOR CONSIDERATION — PRIORITIZED POPULATIONS

Youth/Families

Seniors

People Experiencing Homelessness

Victims of Domestic Violence

# CRITERIA

Agency Expertise and Background (20%)

Agency Capacity (25%)

Scope of Services (40%)

County Investment (15%)

# CRITERIA (CONT.)

## **Agency Expertise and Background (20%)**

- Do the agency's mission, vision, and values align with Arapahoe County's Strategic Plan?
- What work is the agency doing to promote inclusivity and diversity?

## **Agency Capacity (25%)**

- Is the agency able to administer public funds?
- Does the agency have the staffing capacity to provide the services outlined in the grant?

# CRITERIA (CONT.)

## **Scope of Services (40%)**

- Do the agency's services align with an identified funding category?
- Does the program extend county-wide and/or provide a geographic-specific service?
- Did the agency specify engagement strategies to reach their intended population?

## **County Investment (15%)**

- Does the funding serve an appropriate/proportionate amount of Arapahoe County residents?
- Is this the only source of funding the organization would receive from Arapahoe County?

**TIMELINE**



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## **2022 Grant Cycle**

June 21 – Mid-year updates (Safety Net Organizations)

## **2023 Grant Cycle**

June 27 – Application Launches

August 5 – Application Closes

October 25 – Study Session: Review Staff Recommendations

December 6 – Adopt Allocations with 2023 Budget

# BOARD DISCUSSION & NEXT STEPS

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1. Do you agree with this shift to identify more specific categories?
2. Would you like to prioritize populations?
3. If so, do you agree with the four proposed priority populations (youth/families, seniors, people experiencing homelessness, and victims of domestic violence)?
4. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

# NEXT STEPS

1. Revise application as needed
2. Communications (press release, social media, and emails) about application in June
3. October 25 study session to review staff recommendations

**THANK YOU!**