ARAPAHOE COUNTY
AID TO AGENCIES

2024 AID TO AGENCIES OVERVIEW

Study Session
June 6, 2023

PURPOSE

1) Provide an Aid to Agencies overview

2) Review feedback from 2023 grant cycle

3) Discuss proposed program revisions and timeline

4) Seeking Board direction to move forward

OVERVIEW

- Began in 2008 to fill service gaps in the county

- Operational improvements are considered on an annual basis

- Programmatic improvements are considered every few years

- Supported 51 unique nonprofits, distributing more than $21,421,331.00

- Internal review committee includes representatives from community resources, human services, and commissioners' office.

- Currently, the Aid to Agencies program funds organizations through two mechanisms:

  - Competitive grant program

  - Safety net organizations

SAFETY NET PROGRAM

- Safety net programs expand community reach for human services and community resources programming

- Often only provider for services in the county.

- Organizations do not submit applications for funded programs.

- The safety net <u>organization</u> may, however, apply to the competitive grant program solicitation for a new <u>program</u>

- The safety net organizations are also not static. Grant approval and/or amount can be altered based on Board direction or if the grantee is not meeting certain guidelines.

- Organizations receiving awards over $100,000 are required to submit quarterly reports

SAFETY NET PROGRAMS

AllHealth Network	$179,540
Aurora Mental Health Center	$180,063
Aurora Mental Health Center (Detox)	$280,000
Comitis Crisis Center	$68,000
Family Tree (GOALS)	$80,000
Family Tree (House of Hope)	$20,000
Gateway Domestic Violence Services	$300,000
Jewish Family Service of Colorado (Aging Care and Connections)	$33,000
Tri-Valley Senior Citizens	$10,000
STRIDE Senior Dental Services	$400,000
Total	$2,079,414

COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Organizations are eligible to apply for competitive grant funding if they:

- Are a registered 501(c)3;

- Provide services that align with at least one of the nine program service areas; and

- Serve Arapahoe County residents.

- Applicants can apply for awards up to $100,000. Arapahoe County uses the Good Grant platform to solicit the following information from applicants

- Annual report due in January following the award year
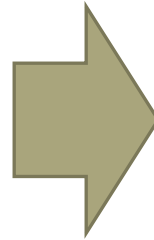
PRIORITIZED POPULATIONS/ FUNDING CATEGORIES

Seniors

Homelessness

Youth/Families

Victims of Domestic Violence

Affordable housing

Case management

Domestic violence support

Employment skills/services

Food assistance

Mental/behavioral health

Substance abuse

Shelter

Transportation

SCORING 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?

2023 FEEDBACK

- Hold an annual application workshop for new and returning applicants

- Provide uniform budget and demographic templates

- Add a representative from A/D Works to the review committee

- Develop penalties for non-compliance with the reporting, communication and health/safety requirements

- Develop a form for scope change requests

- Build an audit process for safety net organizations

PROPOSED TIMELINE

2024 Grant Cycle

June 19 – Application Launches

June 27 – Virtual Pre-Application Meeting with Organizations

July 12 – Virtual Pre-Application Meeting with Organization

August 18 – Application Closes

August – September: Application Review/Scoring

October 10 – Study Session: Review Staff Recommendations

December 6 – Adopt Allocations with 2024 Budget

BOARD REQUESTS

- Are the funding categories for competitive grants still accurate?

- Any operational Improvements?

- Do you agree with the proposed timeline?

- Any additional comments or questions?

THANK YOU!