Welcome!

Today’s topics:
• Overview of application evaluations
• Please note these processes are subject to change

Please put your questions in the chat. If we can’t cover it today, we will include it in a future session.

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Review Process

1. Technical review by WSDA for completeness, eligibility, etc.

2. Statistical evaluation for regional representation, contracted/uncontracted/RDO organizations, underserved populations, etc.

3. Judges' evaluation:
   • Signed conflict of interest and confidentiality statement.
   • Multiple judges will review each application.
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Technical review by WSDA for completeness, eligibility, risk assessment, sustainability, alignment with priorities and objectives.

- Relevant application questions
  
  **Applicant Information:**
  
  - 1. Have you held any contracts with WSDA in the past 5 years?
  - 25. In the past 12 months, what percentage (%) of your organization’s funding has been from nongovernmental sources?
  - 30. **Acknowledgement:** We understand that the following information may be shared with other organizations.

  **Project Information:**
  
  - 2. Have you inquired with any other funders for this project? Please describe:
  - 3. **Acknowledgement:** We understand that if we receive other funding for one or more aspects of this project that we are required to notify WSDA within ten (10) days to avoid duplicate funding.
  - 4. Project Description. Will the outcomes of this project be sustained beyond the period of funding? Please describe.
  - 5. Funding objectives:
  - 8. Equipment and Capital Improvement Projects $5,000 or more.
  - 9. Who are the direct beneficiaries of this project, and how are they benefiting? Estimated number of individuals benefiting from this project and justification for this number:

- **Uploads:**
  
  - All uploads
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Statistical Evaluation:

Regional representation, contracted vs. RDO vs. uncontracted, underserved populations

- Relevant application questions:
  - Applicant Information:
    o 20. In which county/counties does your organization provide direct service?
    o 23. Is your organization located in one of these counties which qualifies as rural (see definitions)?
    o 24. Is your organization one of those listed below, which has been identified as a Regional Distribution Organization (see definitions)?
  - Project Information:
    o 10. It is an intent of this funding to advance equity for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality. If any of these statements apply to your organization, please check the appropriate box and provide a description (refer to definitions section):
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Information for Judges:

1. Paid staff scale:
Lower FTE numbers indicate more reliance on volunteers, and paid staff may be responsible for more aspects of the organization. Therefore, application quality may be less compared to organizations with higher numbers in these categories. Applications should not be marked negatively if sufficient information is provided, questions are answered completely, and reasonable effort appears to have been made.

- Relevant application questions. Applicant Information:
  - 27. Number of paid staff involved in hunger relief services at your organization in the past year.
  - 28. Number of paid staff dedicated to grant writing at your organization.

- Scale: Low FTE = 0-1 FTE; Mid to high FTE = 1 or more

2. Lower English Proficiency (LEP).
Applicants may have lower English proficiency and should not being reviewed for English proficiency. Applications should not be marked negatively if sufficient information is provided, questions are answered completely, and reasonable effort appears to have been made.
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Project Evaluation:

1. This project meets a current and vital need in the community.
   - Relevant application questions. Project Information:
     - 4. Project Description. Provide a brief overview of project:
     - How does your project address the impact of COVID-19 on your organization and service community.

2. This project addresses the impact of COVID-19 on the organization and service community.
   - Relevant application questions. Project Information:
     - 4. Project Description. Provide a brief overview of project:
     - How does your project address the impact of COVID-19 on your organization and service community.

3. The intended outcomes of this project are clear, strategic, and attainable within the period of performance.
   - Relevant application questions. Applicant Information:
     - 4. Project Description. What are the desired outcomes of this project? Please include specific measurables (data points) as well as a description:
Project Evaluation:

4. The timeline of this project is specific, measurable, strategic, reasonable, and achievable within the period of performance.
   - Relevant application questions. Applicant Information:
     - 4. Project Description. Please describe the timeline of your project. Include estimated completion dates for all major activities.

5. The project budget is specific, measurable, strategic, reasonable, and achievable within the period of performance.
   - Relevant application questions. Project Information:
     - 6. Funding amount requested by budget category (refer to definitions section).
     - 7. Items to be covered by each budget category. Please list all specific items to be covered in each category if awarded (refer to definitions section).

6. The project budget and narrative are in alignment.
   - Relevant application questions. Project Information:
     - 4. Project Description.
     - 7. Items to be covered by each budget category. Please list all specific items to be covered in each category if awarded (refer to definitions section).
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