Senior Volunteerism Grant Informational Session

February 13, 2024

Background

- The coronavirus pandemic has had detrimental impacts on the social and emotional well-being of seniors in Oakland County. The impact of the virus on older adults went beyond a higher risk for serious infection. It also revealed limited access to care for all health conditions, as well as considerable social and economic hardships.

- On Sept. 1, 2022, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution #22-280 appropriating American Rescue Plan Act funding to support the Oakland Together Senior Initiatives. These initiatives include grants for non-profit organizations that provide senior-centered services in Oakland County. The funds can be used for a variety volunteer-related of to increase.

Eligibility Requirements

- Projects must be eligible under the United States Treasury guidelines for American Rescue Plan Local Rescue Recovery funding.

- Must be a non-profit that provides senior-centered services, such as food delivery, transportation, and home repairs.

- Existing senior volunteer program and is not a recipient of any Oakland County ARPA funds in the past.

- Must describe how the proposal in the application for funding to the Senior Centers Grant Program will be used to make long-term improvements for the senior citizens in your community.

- Must describe the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on your program and how that influences your plans under this grant.

- Must include an implementation plan and timeline for using the grant funding.

- The maximum grant amount is up to $10,000.

Eligibility Requirements Cont.

- Grant funding can be used on the following: background check screening for volunteers, outreach planning to increase the number of volunteers, and volunteer training.

- In accordance with the ARPA reporting required of the county, grantees shall submit quarterly reporting to Oakland County on the use of the grant funds. A template will be provided to grantees.

- Grantees shall submit a final report by the end of the agreement or within 30 days after Project completion, whichever date is sooner, on the grant funds including:
  - Project completion report.
  - Full accounting of its expenditure of grant funds.
  - Certification of its use of grant funds and fulfillment of the terms of the Agreement.

- Funds received from this grant must be used by Dec. 31, 2026.

Eligible Uses of Grant Funding

- Background Checks Screening

- Outreach Plan to Increase Number of Volunteers

- Volunteer Training

Grant Purpose Questions

- Describe how the requested Grant Program funding will address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and benefit Oakland County Seniors in your community?

- Please identify the Long-Term benefits of this program for the community.

Implementation Plan

- Include a detailed project cost estimate and timeframe on expending funds.

- Note: The maximum grant amount is up to $10,000.

Wrap-Up & Discussion

➢ TIMELINE

- 2/7/24 Grants Opens

- 2/13/24 Grant Informational Meeting

- 2/28/24 Grant Closes

Questions

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