



## **Impact Austin Nonprofit Workshop – June 30, 2021**

### **Questions & Answers from Event**

- **Will there be a preference for projects/programs over capacity building?**
  - No preference — IA is looking for the best initiatives, regardless of whether they are program versus capacity building. Best advice: Apply for \$\$ for what makes the most sense for \*your organization\*, because that will be most compelling and shine through.
- **What are the membership levels used to determine grant amounts?**
  - In the past the grants were based on the membership numbers at the end of the year. Now we are moving to a year-round model. We needed to make some changes due to the monthly funding. The grant amounts are determined for the Fall on 6/30 (announced 7/8) and the Spring grants amounts on 1/1 (announced when we open for grant applications).
- **What are the giving levels for each focus area?**
  - The grant amounts will be the same for Equity and Health & Well-Being. Those amounts will be announced when we open for grant applications on 7/8. The goal is to have similar amounts between our Spring & Fall grants.
- **How many Impact Austin staff will participate in a site visit? Due to the nature of the services, we provide, we keep the location of our program undisclosed. Would volunteers be willing to sign our NDA?**
  - If you are selected as a finalist, you can work with the GRC chairs if you need to limit the number of attendees. Please know we stress the importance of confidentiality with all GRC members throughout the grant making process. As for signing a NDA, we would need to consult our attorneys.
- **Is there any more information available on the two fall grant opportunities specifically at this time?**
  - You can find more information about focus areas on our website at <https://www.impactaustin.org/grantmaking>. Applications will open for Equity and Health & Well-Being on 7/8 and close on 8/3 at 5:00 p.m."
- **What is an FTE?**
  - Full-Time Employee: The Initiative can include parts of an FTE (e.g. 0.5 for half time of a FTE).



- **Does our organization need to be female led or do we just need to have a female member a part of our organization?**
  - Your organization does not need to have a female leader or member to apply for an Impact Austin grant. However, to take advantage of the free Impact Austin membership, only persons who identify as female are eligible.
- **We are located in Travis County and provide services mainly to people in Central Texas. However, we do provide services to people outside of the Impact Austin counties. They either drive to our clinic or receive services online. Does our initiative need to only serve people in the Impact Austin counties? Or can our initiative serve all of our clients, regardless of where they live?**
  - The initiative can service all clients as long as some clients are within the counties that Impact Austin designates.
- **What are the demographics wanted on staff and board, e.g. race, gender, etc.?**
  - We leave this up to the nonprofits to determine, but typically race, ethnicity, and gender.
- **Can you clarify the project "revenues" you want on the financials? Our project does not generate revenues. Do you mean donations and grants as revenues?**
  - Revenue can include any funding, which can include grants (Corporations, Foundations, Municipalities), Government Funding, Donations (Individuals, Churches, Businesses), Fundraising Events, etc.
- **If I were to become a member of Impact Austin, could the nonprofit organization I work for apply for a grant?**
  - Yes. Impact Austin conducts a conflict-of-interest screening — so you would just need to disclose your connection to your nonprofit, and we would remedy that by putting you on a committee in the focus area for which you are \*not\* applying. We have many nonprofit folks who are members.
- **Should the budget of a collaborative include revenues/expenses from the lead organization or both/all organizations working collaboratively?**
  - The Lead organization typically provides the financials. Impact Austin does want info on the collaboration to evaluate the overall project.