



Background

On March 11, 2021, Congress signed into law ARPA which included resources to support local government's response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of San Antonio was awarded \$326.9 million in State and local Fiscal Recovery Funds. As part of the FY 2022 Budget process, the City Council approved \$97.5 million to support the city budget and address community needs. On November 18, 2021, the City Council approved an additional \$30.0 million for residential utility assistance. The remaining \$199.4 million remained unallocated and was intended to be awarded following a community engagement process that began in the fall of 2021.

On January 26, 2022, following a community engagement process, staff presented a recommended spending framework reflecting Community and City Council input. The final spending framework was approved by the City Council on February 3, 2022. The approved spending framework included \$87.8 million recommended for programmatic funding with \$5 million dedicated to Senior to support older adults disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 12, 2022, May 10, 2022, and June 14, 2022, the Community Health, Environment, and Culture Committee (CHECC) was briefed on the impact of COVID-19 on senior services organizations and residents, and feedback from the community and stakeholders. This document outlines the implementation plan, which focuses on mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on older adults.

Eligibility

Eligible Organizations

- Nonprofit organizations (501 (c) 3)
- Faith-Based organizations
- Public Entities (including non-COSA government agencies)

Additional Information on Eligibility

- Must have been in existence and actively producing programs that are open to the public in the City of San Antonio for a minimum of two years
- Must demonstrate residents served have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19

Program Funding and Anticipated Awards: \$5 Million

- Minimum award of \$100,000 over two-year contract term
- Allowable administrative rate of 30%
- Preference for small nonprofit organizations (annual budget less than \$500,000)

Stakeholder Engagement

The Department of Human Services and held three stakeholder feedback sessions from April 27 – May 13, 2022. The purpose of these sessions was to share community and City Council input, gather suggestions on proposed funding priorities and goals, and finalize performance indicators.

Participating Stakeholder Groups:

City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs City of San Antonio & Bexar County - 15 members	South Texas Adult Protective Services Community Board Texas Department of Family Protective Services - 13 Members
Bexar County Senior Advisory Committee Alamo Area Council of Governments - 42 members	Successfully Aging and Living in San Antonio Coalition San Antonio Area Foundation - 80 members

Funding Priority Investments

Older Adults (Programming Support)				
COVID – 19 Impact	Strategy/Programs	Equitable Outcomes	Performance Indicators	Amount
Mitigate increased social isolation for older adults disproportionately impacted by COVID - 19	Provide funding to support community – based transportation access (ex: senior centers, doctor’s appointments, errands, etc.).	Connect older adults with barriers exacerbated by COVID - 19 to community services and resources.	% Connected and accessing reliable transportation	\$2 M
	Fund non-center-based programming to reduce social isolation for seniors with mobility issues.		% Reporting increased social, emotional and/or physical health	
	Connect older adults to volunteer, workforce training, and employment opportunities.		% Enrolled individuals obtaining a better job within 90 days of program completion	
Address increased older adult food and resource insecurity exacerbated by COVID – 19	Fund neighborhood-based access to food and commodities.	Alleviate increased cost and scarcity of resources for older adults with financial constraints	% Reporting improved food security	\$2 M
	Fund navigation and case management services to coordinate access to resources for home-bound seniors.		% Enrolled in and accessing public benefits and resources	
	Provide direct assistance to older adults in financial crisis (ex: households at risk of homelessness, unexpected financial hardship, etc.).		% Financial crisis that are stabilized	
	Connect working older adults who are unemployed or under employed to training, employment, and volunteer opportunities.		% Enrolled individuals obtaining a better job within 90 days of program completion	

Address increased responsibility on informal and unpaid caregivers during the COVID – 19 pandemic	Connect caregivers to available resources, education, and training.	Mitigate increased social and emotional issues exacerbated by COVID – 19 for caregivers to improve the safety and quality of care provided to older adults	% Reporting increased social, emotional and/or physical health	\$1 M
	Improve caregiver access to specialized training and resources for older adults with dementia and other cognitive issues.		% Reporting increased awareness of resources and supportive services	
	Fund respite resources for caregivers.		% Increased access to respite care resources and support	

Request for Proposal Timeline

DATE	ACTION ITEM
August 18, 2022	City Council A-Session – Approval of Implementation Plan
September 2, 2022	Request for Proposal Opens
September 12 - 16, 2022	Pre-Submittal Conference and Training and Technical Assistance Workshops
October 3, 2022	Request for Proposal Closes
October 4 - 20, 2022	Evaluation & Scoring
November 2022	City Council A Session – Approval of Awards
December 2022	Contracts Begin

No Contact Period

In accordance with §2-61 of the City Code, interested applicants are prohibited from communication regarding the Immigration Services RFP with City Officials and Employees during specific portions of the competitive process. The Department of Human Services, in line with prior competitive RFPs issued is recommending an abbreviated no contact period for City Officials as reflected below.

- **City Officials:** September 21, 2022, until the date the City Manager posts proposed awards for City Council consideration.
- **City Employees:** August 19, 2022, until the date proposed awards are approved by the City Council.

Scoring Criteria

- **Experience Background and Qualifications: 30 Points**
 - Agency experience (preference points for small nonprofit organizations)
 - Financial management

- History providing services to older adults

- **Proposed Plan: 50 Points**
 - Demonstrate disproportionate COVID – 19 impacts to organization or residents
 - Alignment with proposed program strategies, outcomes, and performance indicators
 - Identify how support to organizations and residents assists them thrive long-term
 - Community collaboration

- **Budget and Budget Narrative: 20 Points**
 - Prior receipt of federal COVID -19 funding assistance
 - Leveraged agency resources
 - Capacity building investments
 - Long-term sustainability