

COMMUNITY GRANT UPDATE

MARCH 24, 2025

Overview of Program

Past Programs

- Total \$150k invested into local non-profits
- 2023 and 2024 programs funded through ARPA
 - 9 awards from 10 applications in 2023 (\$50,000)
 - 15 awards from 20 applications in 2024 (\$100,000)

Purpose of the Program

• The purpose of the program is to assist non-profit organizations with projects or programs that provide community wide benefit.

2025

• Adjustments to the program due to funding shift and enhanced oversight

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Evaluation Process

Priorities

- (1)(a): Basic human necessities, including but not limited to, the provision of food and/or clothing to those in need.
- (1)(b): Mental health services and/or community counseling to assist people with mental or social health issues.
- 2: General safety, health and welfare, including but not limited to transportation, housing, utilities, etc.
- 3: General improvement of the Gahanna Community.

Grant Review Committee (GRC)

- GRC consists of 2 Mayor's Appointees, 2 Council Appointees, and 1 City Staff Member
- GRC will evaluate the applications based on the established program priorities, guidelines and requirements
- Notices of Award and Non-award are issued
- Not to exceed the program budget (\$100,000 in 2025)

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Evaluation Process (Cont'd)

Important Program Guidelines and Requirements

- IRS registered non-profit organization based in Gahanna, Ohio, and the organization must directly serve the Gahanna Community
- Minimum of 51% of the beneficiaries must be contained within the Gahanna Community
- Maximum of 10% can be applied to administrative costs
- Reimbursement of approved costs (within 30 days of approval)
- Award not to exceed \$10,000 per application
- Mandatory program/project updates
- No match funds required

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Reporting

• New reporting process for 2025:

• City provided forms for progress updates

• Minimum of one (1) touch base with DAS staff after award

• City provides forms for grant closeout and reimbursement request

Administrative Monitoring

- The Department of Administrative Services will be responsible for monitoring of grant funds.
- The City's Grants Analyst and Senior Deputy Director of Administrative Services will support awardees with reporting and reimbursements.
- Council update on award amounts, projects and progress

Anticipated Timeline

- Application Opening: Tuesday, April 1, 2025
- Application Close: Friday, April 25, 2025
- Application Review Period: Monday, April 28-Friday, May 16, 2025
- Notifications Distributed: Monday, June 2, 2025
- First Update Due: Monday, September 8, 2025
- Second Update Due: Monday, November 3, 2025
- Final Report Due: Wednesday, December 31, 2025

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Non-Tax Revenue Resources

- All General Fund resources have been used or earmarked for various purposes
- Non-tax resources not considered are those resources supporting various activities as part of policy or ORC
- Three potential resources remain
 - Liquor permit fees collected by Council Office (\$40K)
 - Interest Revenue (Fluctuates 2025 Est \$5M)
 - Local Government Funding (\$1M)
- Possible fourth is lodging tax (fluctuates 2025 Est \$67K)
- General considerations

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Questions?

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