Introduction to Live Healthy Chicago

Forty Acres Fresh Market; MAAFA Redemption Project; My Block, My Hood, My City (M3); Rush University Medical Center and West Side United have banded together to build the Live Healthy Chicago initiative to address the immediate wellness of seniors and high-risk populations in 20 target Black and Brown communities in Chicago experiencing COVID-19 health disparities and food insecurity.

Live Healthy Chicago is invested in dismantling the systemic racial and health inequities prevalent in these target communities by implementing, funding and sustaining immediate, long term and collective tactics. Each of the Live Healthy Chicago partners has already put its resources and networks to work during this pandemic. The support of the Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation will make it possible to accelerate and scale up these efforts, and to equip those on the ground to respond to new needs that emerge as the crisis continues to unfold.

Visit www.livehealthychi.com for more details.

Description of the Grant and How to Apply

Over the next 2 years, Live Healthy Chicago seeks to distribute $2.9 Million to community-based nonprofits who are implementing highly effective COVID-19 strategies within 20 targeted black and brown neighborhoods. The Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation is providing the funding. Applicants are encouraged to apply for between $10,000 and $100,000.

This application must be completed in one sitting. If you wish to see the application questions beforehand in order to prepare, please click this link: Preview of Application Questions.

Applications must be received by September 8th. Grant awards will be announced in October. Please contact tjones@westsideunited.org if you have questions about this grant or eshapiro@westsideunited.org if you have any questions about the application portal.

Application Questions

Organization Background
1. Are you a 501(c)(3) non-profit?
2. Which of our priority communities do you work in?
   a. West Side: Austin, Belmont Cragin, East Garfield Park, Humboldt Park, Lower West Side/Pilsen, Near West Side, North Lawndale, South Lawndale, West Garfield Park, West Town
   b. South Side: Auburn Gresham, Bronzeville, Chatham, Englewood, Greater Grand Crossing, Roseland, South Shore, Washington Park, West Englewood, Woodlawn
3. What is the name of your organization?
4. What is your organization's address?
5. What is your organization's mission?
6. Who is your target population?

Organizational Opportunities and Challenges
7. What goals does your organization want to meet through its COVID-19 response efforts? (150 words)
8. Besides funding, what is the biggest challenge you face in meeting those goals? (150 words)
9. How has your organization strengthened its community or target community? (150 Words)
10. Please describe how you would use the grant funds. Include details about the project aim and strategies, how funding would be allocated, and how this project would impact the community. (150 words)
11. What grant amount are you requesting (between $10,000 and $100,000)?
12. Please attach a simple proposed budget for your project.
13. How many individuals or families do you anticipate being able to serve with the additional grant funds?
14. Will you need additional staff or training to carry out this project?
16. Please attach a project plan, other grants or awards, impact measures, or any other documents or photos you would like the grant funders to consider. (Optional) (16MB Size Limit)

Closing Attestations
17. I attest that all information provided on this application is accurate.
18. I attest that I direct a 501(c)(3) non-profit business that has secured all necessary licenses to operate in Chicago and Illinois.
19. If selected for a grant, I consent to have Live Healthy Chicago promote my project as part of their grant program.
20. If selected for a grant, I commit to providing semi-annual reports through calendar year 2022 in which I document the following:
   a. My outcomes (to be determined in collaboration with West Side United based on project scope)
   b. Number of individuals impacted
21. How did you hear about this opportunity?
22. By checking this box I attest that all of the information on this application is true. I understand that Live Healthy Chicago does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or identity, marital status, or age (provided that the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract).
23. I authorize Live Healthy Chicago and its partners to investigate and verify the above information. The release of all information in any manner, is hereby authorized whether such information is of record or not and I hereby release all persons, agencies, firms, companies, etc., from any damages resulting from such information.