



## How We Build Back Better (ARPA)

### Community Outreach Micro-Grant Program

The City of Marlin has created a program that allows it the opportunity to share a small a portion (\$50,000) of its Build Back Better funds (ARPA) with our local established community non-profit organizations, local businesses, and first-time home buyers looking to purchase their home in Marlin. Our local community micro-grants are awarded through an open application process to which the applicant may be eligible for assistance directly from the city to our local community charitable organizations, and businesses must been previously established for at least 2 years or more prior to requesting funding from this micro-grant program, and future home owners that helps support and grow our community, funding resources for this program will be dispensed in accordance to federal guidelines (ARPA) in extreme emergency cases the city reserve the right to dispense emergency funding on a personal case by case review (*Housing Displacement due to Fire, Deemed Medical Emergency/ life or Death*).

### Guidelines

Community micro-grants range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$2,500 recipients may potentially receive up to 4 quarterly awards for a maximum amount of \$2,500. (Not Guaranteed)

Eligible nonprofit organizations must operate on the local level (or be an affiliate/chapter of a larger organization that operates locally) and directly benefit the service area from which they are requesting funding. Personal application for the community micro-grant maybe considered on a case by case, depending on the severity of the conditions of the personal applicants.

The 2021 micro-grant cycle began Dec. 1, 2021 and the application deadline is Dec. 1, 2022, (Depending on availability of funding resources). The city may at any time stop the micro-grant program without notice.

Applications must be accompanied with a community-support campaign narrative shall be submitted at any time during this funding cycle. Please note that applications will only remain active in our system for 90 days, and at the end of this period they will be automatically rejected, and new applications will be accepted on a quarterly basis.

All recognized organization holding a current tax-exempt status as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3), or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code, listed on the IRS Master File and conducting activities within the United States that are applying for the City of Marlin Community Micro-grant program are subject to the submittal of the organizations' operational structure to include officers, board members,

employees and or volunteers, it must submit official supporting documentation of articles of creation, bi-laws, and any other records that may be requested. The organization will be verified through public, civil and or criminal records checks prior to receiving any assistance through this program.

### **Eligibility Checklist**

*Organizations applying must meet one of following criteria:*

A recognized organization holding a current tax-exempt status as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3), or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code, listed on the IRS Master File and conducting activities within the United States that are requesting funds exclusively for a public purpose (excluding nationally sponsored organizations, such as American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Children's Miracle Network and United Way), and must be able to present verified documentation.

A K-12 public or nonprofit school organization, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed community project that benefits the community at large, such as food pantries, soup kitchens and clothing closets and after school tutoring and care programs, funding for temporary emergency displacement or medical emergency may be considered. Non-charities, including organizations recognized as 501(c)(4)s, like homeowner's associations, civic leagues, or volunteer fire companies, are excluded.

### **Selection Process**

The city micro-grant review committee will review and verify all submitted applications, and official supporting documentation for authenticity before recommending the applicant application package to the city council for final micro-grant funding.

The city reserves the right not to award or to award an amount from \$250 up to \$2500 but not to exceed the maximum of \$2500 to an applying organization.

Organizations will be notified of any micro-grant decision via e-mail. All funding decisions are final.

If an organization is approved, grant checks will be received person to person on a specified date and time. In the event of being awarded a micro-grant, organization(s) consent to attending a scheduled event recognizing the awarded recipient.

***All micro-grant applications are subject to review of the organization's reputation and activities and its agreement to comply with applicable terms and conditions. Submission of an application does not guarantee selection for funding. Funding exclusions include: organizations that deny service, membership or other involvement on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status. No current public officials of the city, or within the previous five years.***

***No current federal, state, or local government official or previous officials within the previous five years are deemed not eligible for this community micro-grant program!!!***