



How We Build Back Better (ARPA)

Community 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 local community non-profit organizations. Our local community micro-grants are awarded through an open application process and provide assistance directly from the city to our local community charitable organizations that helps support and grow our community, funding resources for this program will be dispensed in accordance to federal guidelines (ARPA).

Guidelines

Community micro-grants range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$2,500 recipients may receive up to two awards annually for a maximum amount of \$2,500.

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 along with a community campaign narrative may 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.

Organizations may only submit a total number of 4 applications, one per quarter and or receive up to 4 grant awards within the annual grant cycle totaling no more than \$2500 per cycle year.

All organizations or any applicant applying for the Community micro-grant must be verified prior to receiving 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. 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 management micro-grant administration team will review and verify all submitted applications for authenticity before recommending the application to the city council for micro-grant funding.

The city or its designee reserve the right to adjust the amount awarded to each organization without prior notice.

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 mailed directly to the recipient's address listed in the micro-grant application. Please allow four to six weeks for delivery.

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 made 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 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 federal, state, or local government official/officer is eligible for this community micro-grant program!!!