HRC Community ID - Broadening Impact

City of Gainesville ARPA Aid to Nonprofits Program

Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County

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Application Form

Eligibility

Economic Impact*

Has your nonprofit organization or the clients you serve suffered demonstrable negative economic impact as a result of COVID-19?

Yes

Location*

Is your organization a nonprofit and located within Alachua County? (physically or principally)

Yes

Operating Status*

Is your nonprofit organization active, open and operating? (in-person or virtually)

Yes

IRS Status*

Is your organization legally registered, fully licensed as a 501(c)3 or 501(c)19 nonprofit (as required by applicable law), and up to date on tax payments/filings to include a valid IRS Form 990 for 2020 (or 2019) or an independently audited financial statement?

Yes

IRS Status Year*

Was your organization incorporated as a nonprofit prior to January 1, 2020?

Yes

The Philanthropy Hub Verification*

Is your nonprofit organization verified on The Philanthropy Hub?

Yes

Services*

Does your nonprofit organization provide essential human services to City of Gainesville residents who have been impacted by COVID-19? Please check all that apply:

Community Development
Education
Food Security
Human & Social Services
Other

Other Services

If you selected 'Other' services, please provide details of how your organization serves those adversely affected by COVID-19.

During the pandemic, the Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County (HRCAC) served those adversely affected by Covid-19 through food distribution, cash assistance, k-12 education support, and the HRC Community ID program. The HRC Community ID is a local identification which improves access to essential services, such as healthcare, utilities, and education, for those lacking government issued identification. The HRC ID is accepted by a variety of local entities, including the Alachua County School District, the UFHealth/Shands hospital network, the City of Gainesville (including the Gainesville Police Department), and Alachua County. The wide range of accepting entities means that community members who are not eligible or do not have the funds to obtain a driver's license or state ID can still have a verifiable form of identification which demonstrates their local residence. During the pandemic, the ID served the essential functions of enabling access to covid-19 testing and vaccination and helping individuals to be placed in emergency housing.

Acknowledgment

Project Name*

Name of Project.

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Acknowledgment*

I understand that in order to apply for the City of Gainesville ARPA Aid to Nonprofits Program, my organization must:

- be principally based or physically located within Alachua County;

- be providing COVID-19-impacted City of Gainesville residents essential services covering medical services, congregate living safety services, food services, housing stability services, training and adult education services, child care and education services, elder care services, and mental health services;

- be active, open and operating (in-person or virtually);

- be registered as a 501(c)(3) prior to January 1, 2020;

- be fully licensed as a nonprofit (as required by applicable law), and up to date on tax payments/filings to include a valid IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N filing no later than 2019, or an independently audited financial statement from the most recently completed fiscal year;

- be able to demonstrate the adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to your organization or the clients you serve in one of the following manners:

    o incurred unplanned costs for new programming designed to assist those disparately impacted by the pandemic and its economic effects;

    o incurred unplanned costs to comply with safety and health standards and/or reopening requirements, e.g., modifying facilities for social distancing;

    o incurred unplanned costs for technology to enable virtual work; or

    o lost revenue due to pandemic-based causes, e.g., due to shutdowns, lost sponsorships, inability to hold fundraising events;

- provide a narrative explaining the impact of COVID-19 on the nonprofit's operations; and

- not have received or been approved to receive City ARPA funding via a separate initiative, project, or program.

    Yes

Applicant/Agency Information

Target Population*

Select all that apply to indicate which population groups are directly impacted by your work.

Children (ages 0-12)
Youth/Teens (ages 13-18)
Adults (ages 19-64)
Seniors (ages 65+)
People with disabilities
Low-income individuals/families
Marginalized/Under-served groups

Local Impact*

What is your organization's impact on its constituents and the City of Gainesville community in recent years? Please quantify your responses where possible (i.e. number of people served).

In recent years, the Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County (HRCAC) has served the Gainesville community through a variety of regular programming and special, pandemic-relief efforts.

Regular programming includes English classes for adults, focused on improving fluency and confidence, and Spanish writing and appreciation classes for children from Spanish speaking homes as well as legal trainings with lawyers and other experts, including workshops on topics from domestic abuse to powers of attorney, and "know-your-rights" workshops which familiarize immigrants, both new and established, with US law.

The HRCAC also developed and manages the Sanctuary House, a physical space and community network which allows undocumented immigrants facing immediate deportation orders to challenge their case in court. Created in 2016 with the purpose of supporting undocumented immigrants with a strong possibility

for legal success, the Sanctuary House has hosted one LGBT asylum seeker from Qatar, providing everything from groceries to medical care for over a year. The case was a success, with the asylum seeker ultimately receiving protected status.

Our largest program is the HRC Community ID. While most of our programming specifically serves immigrant communities, the Community ID is far more wide-reaching, and serves anyone with difficulty accessing a government issued form of identification, from undocumented immigrants to the elderly, people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, trans individuals, and those recently released from incarceration. Initiated in October 2018, the ID was recognized for official use by the City of Gainesville in August 2019 and by Alachua County in February 2020. Pre-pandemic, the Community ID Program issued about 300 IDs per year, and despite emergency-reduced operations, has issued about 100 identifications per year during the pandemic. From January to March 2022, 75 IDs have been issued, which suggests we have returned to pre-pandemic levels of distribution.

During the pandemic, as part of special, emergency relief programming, HRCAC volunteers distributed more than 576 prepared meals, delivered weekly groceries to more than two dozen families for over a year, and gave computers to 30 K-12 students. Additionally, through a partnership with the City of Gainesville and private donations, we distributed more than $50,000 in financial assistance to 24 households. During the pandemic, our bail fund issued more than $15,000 in bail assistance, including a single immigration bond of $10,000.

Additionally, during the pandemic, individuals experienced barriers to COVID testing and vaccines due to lack of photo identification, had difficulty being placed in emergency housing without identification, and faced delays renewing identification from other countries. We were able to serve these individuals through small ID drives and special individual appointments and thus improve their access to these necessary services.

Board Chair or Authorized Person First Name*

Larry

Board Chair or Authorized Person Last Name*

Green

Board Chair or Authorized Person Title*

Executive Director

Hub Profile*

Please provide link to verified profile from The Philanthropy Hub.

https://www.thephilanthropyhub.org/organizations/human-rights-coalition-of-alachua-county

Organization Type*

Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than an institution of Higher Education)

Tax Form Information*

Please select the tax form your organization most recently filed.

990N (postcard)

Gross Revenue*

Enter your organization's total revenue as reported on your most recently filed IRS Form 990 from no older than 2019 or independently audited financial statement from your most recently completed fiscal year.

- For IRS Form 990 enter the amount indicated on line 12
- For IRS Form 990-EZ enter the amount indicated on line 9.
- For IRS Form 990-N, enter your revenue for the corresponding fiscal year.
- For independently audited financial statement, enter the total revenue indicated.

$78,501.00

Operating Revenue*

Organization's operating revenue for the last completed fiscal year

$78,510.00

Operating Expenses*

Organization's operating expenses for the last completed fiscal year

$59,075.00

Pandemic changes to your organization

Pandemic-related changes to priorities and goals*

Briefly explain how the COVID pandemic has changed your organization's priorities and goals.

The Covid-19 pandemic shifted our organizational priorities in the short term, dramatically expanding the kind of work we do. During the pandemic, we found that the community we were serving, primarily undocumented immigrants, were disproportionately impacted by the virus. We needed to address economic, educational, and health needs in ways that we never had before.

However, the pandemic also shed light on the specific ways which we need to expand our regular services, reaching more of the Gainesville community on an everyday basis. We found that the pandemic exacerbated issues of healthcare access and access to housing for not only undocumented immigrants, but also the elderly, people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, trans individuals, and those recently released from incarceration. Our community ID program saw many more people seeking the ID so that they could be placed in emergency housing or get a covid test or vaccine. The emergency revealed the wider need for the HRC Community ID, beyond the immigrant population we have traditionally served. It was

necessary to change our operating model to not only address the circumstances of the pandemic, but also better serve a wider swath of the community.

In short, the pandemic made us realize how much demand exists for the community ID and how necessary it is to expand the program. The population who benefit from the ID, and would benefit from an expansion of services are varied, but almost all face disparities in healthcare access and social services requiring identification. Articles from the Orlando Sentinel and Buzzfeed News have documented the ways that ID requirements blocked eligible individuals from accessing Covid-19 testing and then the vaccine. Reporting from the Miami Herald demonstrates the negative health and economic outcomes that lack of local identification presented for undocumented immigrants seeking the Covid-19 vaccine. Local reporting from WUFT reflected the improved access to testing and vaccination within Alachua County enabled by the HRC Community ID, however, the reach of the program must be improved.

For US born community members, obtaining a Florida state ID is not accessible for lower income and elderly neighbors due to a lack of required documents and limited technology capacity. The costs associated with getting documentation are prohibitive for folks experiencing homelessness or recently released from incarceration. A state ID costs $25. The cost of a birth certificate is $12. Additionally, these individuals may not have a social security card or birth certificate, further delaying the process of acquiring an ID. There is limited data available on the area's trans community and fear reduces our ability to quantify this community, but Trans-friendly Facebook pages in the area (Gainesville Transgender Social Group, Unspoken Treasure Society, Alachua TranQuility and Gainesville Transmasculine) have a shared 2,673 likes as of March 2022.

Pandemic-related changes to your organization's operations*

Please describe how your operations have changed during the pandemic from a staffing and service delivery standpoint.

The expansion of our work and key changes made to our existing programming led to major changes in our operations and staffing needs during the pandemic. At first, our operations changed entirely, our community meetings, legal workshops, and language classes were shut down and we halted community ID fairs, only issuing IDs for individuals with immediate emergencies. As the weeks turned to months, we shifted to focus entirely on food support, with volunteers collecting and distributing donated groceries and members of community groups organized to distribute prepared meals within their neighborhoods. Eventually, our work included dispersing cash assistance to families ineligible for government assistance, organizing educational support for children (sourcing and distributing computers, helping families sign up for free or low cost internet, and matching students with volunteer tutors), and managing a larger than usual emergency bail fund.

With continuing regular demand for the community ID, we also recognized a need to alter our procedures to safely operate that program at a larger scale. After shutting the program down except for emergency requests for several months, we then shifted to a regular appointment-based schedule to avoid the gathering of large crowds and maintain safe social distance. We also adapted by providing the mandatory orientation online in various languages. Significantly, while a typical ID drive event sees volunteers filling various but specific roles, from greeter to document review to photographer, this new model required volunteers who were trained in many roles and comfortable operating independently or as part of a very small team. We were able to utilize a much smaller pool of volunteers than usual and had to rely heavily on those volunteers with the specific qualifications for certain roles, such as notaries.

Eventually, although we continued with appointment-based events, we also began holding limited capacity drives in outdoor spaces. However, these smaller events, meant we could not have as many partners present. While pre-covid we would have partners from health programs and public safety advocates present at drives, to decrease the number of face-to-face contacts we shifted to simply distributing pamphlets and other paper materials from those partners. We also shifted to serving even more vulnerable communities including partnering with Grace Marketplace to serve their guests. Grace has seen an increase in guests due to

the housing crisis. Many have lost their jobs and homes because of the pandemic and advocates expressed the urgent need for their guests to obtain a photo ID so that they can access housing and other services to meet their immediate needs.

Over the course of the pandemic, our work became increasingly reliant on highly trained and experienced individuals, with the specific knowledge and certification to fill certain roles and the managerial capacity to direct larger groups of volunteers.

Impact

Description of Need as Specifically Related to Coronavirus*

Please provide a description of how your organization continues to be impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, operationally and/or programmatically.

As a result of the pandemic related changes to our operation, particularly the shift to appointment-based ID distribution rather than large drives and the more varied populations being served by the ID program, we continue to rely on a smaller group of highly trained personnel to run that program. While other programs can continue much as before, and volunteers have done a wonderful job maintaining the ID program during the pandemic, changes made to the program to account for public health, such as the shift to appointment-based distribution rather than large drives, and new collaborations to address community need amongst the more varied groups, necessitate staff who can facilitate the new collaborations and manage the increased number of events, allowing the program to reach its full potential and impact the largest number of people who would benefit from the access granted by the ID.

Increased and more varied demand witnessed during the pandemic made us increasingly aware of the need for a full-time advocate working to develop and solidify community partnerships. New collaborations in-process with GRACE Marketplace, the Southwest Advocacy Group, and Reichert House, groups who have expressed interest in the Community ID for those they serve, will enable more people to participate more fully in our community, but also require more dedicated staffing.

Over the course of the pandemic, our work became increasingly reliant on a highly trained and experienced individuals, with the specific knowledge and certifications to fill certain roles and the managerial capacity to direct larger groups of volunteers. We have recognized that in order to address community needs more fully, these roles should be full or part-time staff positions, rather than the volunteers we have previously relied on. In particular, the role of managing community ID drives and overseeing the ID program as a hole, must be staffed positions in order to adequately address community need.

During the pandemic we became aware of the need for a full-time advocate working to address the growing interest in collaboration from groups outside the Spanish-speaking immigrant community, managing better-coordinated efforts with existing and new partners, and serving as a liaison within local government, housing, schools, and healthcare systems – essentially, to expand the positive reach and impact of card in the Gainesville community. We also identified the need for at least a part-time position capable of addressing the additional logistical challenges of community-health protocol and regularly traveling to new communities with new technical and volunteer needs arising constantly.

Population Impact*

Indicate if your services are directed at populations that have been disproportionally impacted by the COVID pandemic. (Identify at least one category: race, gender, ethnicity, geography, income)

   The populations who benefit from the ID, and would benefit from an expansion of services, include undocumented immigrants, the elderly, people facing homelessness and housing insecurity, trans folks, and those recently released from incarceration.

Disparity*

What disparity does this population experience that this program addresses? Examples: home ownership, income, health, educational attainment, etc.

   These populations lack access to government issued identification. Without identification, they are unable to access or have additional barriers to healthcare services (such as Covid-19 testing and vaccination), housing, and other essential services.

Supplemental Disparity Information

For organizations with gross revenue of more than $1 million, show data to demonstrate existing disparities and impact of COVID on the population identified, including local data if possible. Examples of data can be related to health, socioeconomic status, housing, or factors specific to the program.

Number of individuals served*

Indicate the total amount of individuals who will be directly impacted by this program.

   The proposed expansions will enable the program to serve ~2,000 individuals annually, not including recipients' dependents who also benefit from improved access to healthcare, housing, and education. The ID typically reaches ~300 individuals yearly.

Lost Revenue Calculation (Optional Question)

If you are requesting support for lost revenue, please complete the https://cfncf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Lost-Revenue-Calculations.xlsx Lost Revenue Calculation worksheet. Click here for instructions: Lost Revenue Calculation Instructions.

After downloading and completing the worksheet, please submit it in Excel format.

Budget Spreadsheet*

Upload the program budget using the spreadsheet provided: City of Gainesville ARPA Aid to Nonprofits Program Budget Worksheet

Add line items to the budget worksheet as needed. Please be descriptive in your line items, including providing the number of items and cost per item, i.e., 2.5 FTEs @ $75,000 each.

The worksheet should reflect/include information about other ARPA funding or other COVID- related federal funding received and/or pending. After downloading and completing the budget, please submit it in Excel format.

HRC Community ID ARPA Grant Budget.xlsx

Sustainability*

What are the long-term strategies for funding this project/program at the end of the grant period?

In the long-term, the program will be funded through a combination of self-generated revenue, private grants, and non-emergency local-government funding. While the cost of the ID is relatively small, $10, compared to other forms of identification, and is waived for those experiencing food and housing insecurity, income from the IDs is an important revenue stream and will increase as the program expands.

Additionally, the HRC Community ID is part of a network of community ID programs. The program was the first of its kind in Florida but has been followed by programs in Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Leon County, and the city of West Palm Beach. All of these neighboring programs are entirely funded by city and county governments. Part of the role of one of the staff positions created through the requested funding will be to maintain and expand the current cooperative relationship with local government and seek this perpetual, non-emergency support.

Request Information

Purpose of Request*

One sentence describing the purpose of your request

The Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County seeks funding to address existing community need for the HRC Community ID, a local identification recognized by the city and county, which was made evident as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Amount Requested*

Funding can be requested to cover expenses from March 3, 2021 - December 31, 2024. Please enter the total amount of your request for all years of your request.

$376,562.00

Total Program Cost*

$380,662.00

Allocation of requested funds for previous expenses*

Please indicate the amount of your organization's request that you plan to use for reimbursement of qualified expenses incurred from 3/3/2021-current.

$25,645.00

Allocation of requested funds for year one*

Please indicate the amount of your organization's request that you plan to use from 6/1/2022 through 6/1/2023.

$170,801.00

Allocation of requested funds for year two*

Please indicate the amount of your organization's request that you plan to use from 6/2/2023 through 12/31/2024.

$180,116.00

Financial Review

Budgets to Actuals*

Please upload three years of organizational budget to actuals (current year-to-date, plus the previous two years). You will have to combine the documents into one file to attach here.

hrccombinedbudgets.xls

Balance sheet*

Please upload your most recent balance sheet.

HRC balance sheet.xlsx

Financial oversight*

How is your organization's board and/or finance committee evaluating the financial health of your organization? What types of financial documents do they review and how often?

Financial health is evaluated based on our liquidity, program vs total expenses, amount of unrestricted funds, the amount of our liabilities, and our cash flow. The board conducts a monthly review of the profit/loss statement and the budget-to-actual report, and the balance sheet. They also review our IRS 990 form each year and will review our compilation audit when completed.

Confirmation and Attestation

Confirmation and Attestation 1*

My nonprofit organization or the clients we serve were adversely affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Yes

Confirmation and Attestation 2*

My nonprofit organization, if approved, will use awarded City of Gainesville ARPA Aid to Nonprofits Program funding solely for the purpose of covering expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yes

Confirmation and Attestation 3*

I/We have not already received (and will not receive) reimbursement of any of these costs through another funding source (such as insurance or grants).

Yes

Confirmation and Attestation 4*

I/We fully understand that any funding awarded under this program must be used to purchase services or products that will be used within the City of Gainesville by December 31, 2026.

Yes

Confirmation and Attestation 5*

I/We fully understand that it is a Federal crime to knowingly make false statements (especially regarding the misuse of funds).

Yes

Confirmation and Attestation 6*

I/We fully understand that my case file may be subject to a random audit, five (5) years after the date of closing. This audit may be conducted by the City of Gainesville, and/or another local or state nonprofit organization. I agree to fully cooperate with any of these agencies as requested.

Yes

Confirmation and Attestation 7*

I/We fully acknowledge that if any omissions or misrepresentations are revealed, I will be subject to immediate repayment of all assistance received.

Yes

Confirmation and Attestation 8*

I certify that the information contained in this application is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Yes

Signature*

By entering my name below and submitting this application for financial assistance, I affirm that I read, understand, and agree to the previous statements. I am bound by all of the above statements in this application, and agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions if awarded under this program. I confirm that this application is submitted under the authority and approval of the CEO or Executive Director of my organization. Type your name below

Larry Green

Date Signed*

03/17/2022

For Evaluators

CFNCF Comment on Diversity*

Are diversity policies included in board recruitment?
Yes

Board Demographics
African American/Black
0
Asian American/Pacific Islander
0
Caucasian
2
Hispanic/Latino
1
Native American/American Indian
2
Not Specified
0

Female
4
Male
1
Not Specified

0

Board Diversity Comments
None

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- HRC Community ID ARPA Grant Budget.xlsx
- hrccombinedbudgets.xls
- HRC balance sheet.xlsx

ARPA Coronavirus Nonprofit Recovery Fund

Organization Name: _____ Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County _____

PROJECT BUDGET	Expenditures	Other Funding Income			Total Request
	Expected Expenditures 03/03/2021 through 12/31/2024	Other ARPA Funding*	Non-ARPA Funding Received**	Total Other Funding	
Community ID Program Director (1.0 FTE @ $79,090)	$217,500				217,500
Community ID Drive Coordinator (.5 FTE @ $68,180)	$93,750				93,750
Additional Staffing Costs (FICA, Social Security, etc.)	$40,462				40,462
Officespace (@ $550 monthly)	$18,150				18,150
Graphic design (contract based)	$900				900
Printing & general office	$500				500
Computer and printer repair/replacement	$9,400		$4,100	$ 4,100.00	5,300
DOJ Accreditation Training	$1,740		$1,740	$ 1,740.00	-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
TOTAL	$ 382,402.00	$ -	$ 5,840.00	$ 5,840.00	376,562

Sources of Other Funds	Status of Funding	Amount
Florida Immigrant Coalition	Committed - Purchase of new ID printer	$ 4,100
Rural Women's Health Project	Committed - Cost of DOJ Accreditation Training	$ 1,740
Total		$ 5,840

* Please list any APRA funding received or pending from other sources
**Please include an other federal pandemic response funding received during any time period during the pandemic

Sharing Montgomery Budget Worksheet

Organization Name: Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County

Fiscal Year Period: 2022

	2022 Budget	2022 Actuals		2021 Budget	2021 Actuals
REVENUE					
Government grants & contracts					
Foundations					
Corporations					30,000
Religious institutions	5,000	1,500		5,000	5,000
United Way, combined federal & other federated campaigns					
Individual contributions					
Undesignated	35,000	6,500		30,000	32,326
ID Program	2,500	250		1,500	1,895
Bail Program	3,000	1,500		2,500	2,800
MSF	2,000	850		1,500	2,000
Pandemic Response	-			1,500	3,500
352 Freedom Fund	1,500	622		500	980
Fundraising events & products					
Other					
Total cash revenue	$ 49,000	$ 11,222		$ 42,500	$ 78,501
Total in-kind revenue					
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 49,000	$ 11,222		$ 42,500	$ 78,501
EXPENSES					
Personnel					
Salaries					
Director					
Assistant					
Personnel totals					
Benefits					
FICA					
Workers Compensation					
Insurance					
Benefits totals					
Travel					

Sharing Montgomery Budget Worksheet

Travel total					
Office Supplies					
General office supplies	$ 1,500	$ 250		$ 1,200	$ 850
Equipment					
Technology	1,500	86		1,000	1,500
ID Supplies	1,200	189		500	650
Printer Supplies	1,500	150		800	800
Other					
Bail Program	5,000	1,200		10,000	12,000
MSF	2,000			1,500	2,000
Pandemic Response	2,500	475		1,500	5,000

Sharing Montgomery Budget Worksheet

	2020 Budget	2020 Actuals
		30,000
		5,000
	15,000	28,064
	1,500	1,725
	2,500	9,500
	1,500	2,994
	-	54,628
	500	717
	$ 21,000	$ 132,628
	$ 21,000	$ 132,628

Sharing Montgomery Budget Worksheet

	$	1,200	$	1,029
		1,000		850
		500		500
		500		500
		2,500		22,000
		1,500		3,500
				85,000

Human Rights Coalition of Alachua County
Statement of Financial Position
As of March 15, 2022

		Total
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Checking (4423)		38,231.95
Total Bank Accounts	$	38,231.95
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable (A/R)		0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	$	0.00
Other Current Assets		
Uncategorized Asset		0.00
Undeposited Funds		0.00
Total Other Current Assets	$	0.00
Total Current Assets	$	38,231.95
TOTAL ASSETS	$	38,231.95
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Grants		0.00
Direct Deposit Payable		0.00
Payroll Liabilities		
Federal Taxes (941/944)		0.00
FL Unemployment Tax		0.00
Total Payroll Liabilities	$	0.00
Other		0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	$	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	$	0.00
Total Liabilities	$	0.00

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Evaluation Summary

1/1 Evaluations Complete

Chris Polischuck:	Evaluation Complete

Question Group

GSG Comments*

Please list any comments you would like for the evaluators to see when reviewing the application

Chris Polischuck: While the Final Rule provides for the eligibility of certain of HRC's services (addressing food insecurity and homelessness, for example), other services do not appear to directly address the effects of the pandemic among disproportionally impacted communities. "Vulnerable communities" do not necessarily equate to disproportionally impacted communities. Indeed, one of their services is "cash assistance to families ineligible for government assistance". The services addressing food insecurity, homelessness, and access to government services could be eligible if the agency could provide proof that these services are provided to disproportionally impacted (low income) communities, per Treasury guidelines.

The applicant did not submit a lost revenue worksheet, so while stated that the pandemic affected staffing and programming, that impact could not be measured.

Is Your Review Complete?*

Chris Polischuck: Yes