NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
FISCAL YEAR 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to solicit applications for funding under the Community Services Partnership (CSP) Human Services grant program for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) funding.

Howard County Government is committed to investing in the provision of critical human services by nonprofit organizations in Howard County through the Community Service Partnership (CSP) Grant Program. The purpose of the CSP Grant Program is to partner with nonprofits to equitably meet basic needs and foster safety, security, and well-being for Howard County residents. CSP is targeting its grant dollars to address the following funding areas of focus: Basic Human Needs (Level I) and/or Safety and Security (Level II). Guided by the vision of communities that are connected, resilient, and thriving; we seek to achieve the following results:

- all people in Howard County have equitable access to services for basic needs and
- individuals and families are safe, secure and economically stable.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING

Funding for CSP grants is made available through the Howard County budgeting process and is dependent upon the resources available each budget year. All applicants should be aware that CSP grant amounts are subject to change from one grant year to another.

APPLICATION PROCESS – SOFT LAUNCH

In July 2021, we completed the redesign of the CSP grant program (see the full report here). This first-year rollout (FY23) of the redesigned CSP grant program is a “soft launch” of the new processes. We are accepting applications from eligible organizations for the following three grant types (click the links below for detailed descriptions of each grant type):

- Core Support Grants
- Safety, Security, & Well-being (SSW) Program Grants
- Emerging Needs & Opportunity (ENO) Grants
The ENO Grants will be an open process.
All organizations that meet the eligibility requirements may apply.

The Core Support and SSW Program Grants will be renewal processes.
Only organizations that received a CSP Operating Grant in the previous grant cycle (FY22) may apply for up to level funding. These existing grantees will be required to participate in the redesigned application and review process to apply for up to the same level of funding received in FY22.

Requests for multi-year funding for a Core Support Grant will not be accepted in FY23 but will likely be accepted in FY24. Input and insights from existing grantees will help us refine the Core Support and Program Support Grant processes ahead of a full, open launch for the FY24 grant cycle.

APPLICATION DETAILS

All applications will open

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021

All applications are due by

Monday, January 24th, 2022, at 12pm

The applications will be completed through Survey Monkey Apply. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please see the information below to register for our upcoming information sessions. If you need immediate assistance, please feel free to contact Megan Godfrey Jackson, CSP Program Manager, at mgodfrey@howardcountymd.gov.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Office of Community Partnerships will host the two Application Information Sessions detailed below to provide additional information and guidance on the application process.

Core Support & SSW Program Grant Application Information Session (Attendance Required)

All eligible renewal applicants for the Core Support and SSW Program Grant must attend the Application Information Session being held online on December 7, 2021 from 2 pm – 4 pm via WebEx. Click here to register – registration will close at 3 pm on December 6th. An invitation with login details will be distributed to all those who are registered. For additional information or to
request accommodations to participate, please contact Cara Baumgartner at 410-313-6411 (voice/relay) or cbaumgartner@howardcountymd.gov. Please submit accommodation requests by December 2, 2021.

**ENO Grant**

**Application Information Session**

All eligible, prospective applicants for the ENO Grant are welcome to attend the Application Information Session being held online on December 7, 2021 from 9 am – 11 am via WebEx. Click [here to register](#) – registration will close at 3 pm on December 6th. An invitation with login details will be distributed to all those who are registered. For additional information or to request accommodations to participate, please contact Cara Baumgartner at 410-313-6411 (voice/relay) or cbaumgartner@howardcountymd.gov. Please submit accommodation requests by December 2, 2021.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Additionally, CSP Staff will be offering technical assistance office hours for applicants. These will be 30-minute technical support appointments available for applicants to sign-up. Applicants must sign-up at least 30 minutes before their desired appointment time. Sign-ups for office hours will open on December 8th and will be available on the [CSP Website](#).

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*If you have any questions, need assistance, or have feedback on the process, please reach out to Megan Godfrey Jackson, CSP Program Manager, at mgodfrey@howardcountymd.gov.*