



**United Way of Lee County**

**Lee County/United Way Nonprofit Human Services Grants Project  
FACT SHEET (Q&A)**

**What is the Lee County Government/United Way nonprofit human services grants project?**

United Way of Lee County (UW) is issuing a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Lee County Government/United Way Nonprofit Human Services Grant project (Grant Project) to provide grants to qualifying Lee County human services nonprofit organizations to provide approved projects and activities that respond to various COVID-19 related impacts. The Grant Project's objective is to help meet currently unmet needs caused of made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic by funding direct human services projects. Through the Grant Project, subawardees will enter into a subrecipient agreement with United Way to deliver various Lee County Board of County Commissioners approved projects.

**How much funding will be allocated to nonprofits?**

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$ 16,201,080
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**Who is eligible for a grant?**

General eligibility includes the items below. However, other conditions must be met, including completing a risk assessment that requires specific information, verifications, and documentation.

1. Must be an IRS-designated 501(c)3 nonprofit.
2. Must have a service location(s) in Lee County, Florida.
3. The applicant or agents related to the project must not be disqualified from participating in Federal programs, as verified through [www.sam.gov/SAM](http://www.sam.gov/SAM).

## **What projects are eligible for this Grant Project?**

Proposed funding activities must include tangible benefits that respond to public health or negative economic impact to eligible beneficiaries. Activities may include:

- Negative economic impacts related services such as food pantries, internet access programs, eviction prevention, resume building assistance, childcare, home visiting, foster youth and family programs, early learning, affordable housing, services for unhoused, housing assistance, community health workers, lead remediation, educational aid to high-poverty districts, academic social and emotional services, mental health services related to educational disparities, etc. and
- Public health related services such as community violence interventions, mental health services, substance use services.

If your organization provides services that address currently unmet COVID-19 related human services needs and lacks the financial resources to address them, you are encouraged to apply. Consider applying, even if it appears that your program, project, or activities do not fit perfectly into the scope of the NOFA for this Grant Project.

## **Are capital projects eligible under this Grant Project?**

Capital projects are NOT eligible for funding under this Grant Project.

## **Are matching funds required with this Grant Project?**

Matching funds are NOT required under this Grant Project.

## **What is the minimum and maximum funding request?**

- The minimum funding request is \$50,000.
- There is no maximum funding request limit for any project.

## **Grant-funding period?**

The grant-funding period may span 30 (thirty) months from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

## **How to apply for a grant?**

Use the following links to access the NOFA and the Application:

- NOFA: <https://unitedwaylee.org/ARPA>
- Intent to Apply: <https://online.unitedwaylee.org/Volunteer/AgencyRegistration.jsp>

## Critical Dates and Timeline

Monday, March 21, 2022		United Way Issued Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)- <i>Posted on the United Way Website</i>  NOFA and Intent to Apply: <a href="https://unitedwaylee.org/ARPA">https://unitedwaylee.org/ARPA</a>
Monday, March 21, 2022		Application Opens
April 2022 (TBD)		Grant Project Workshop and Information Session
Friday, April 1, 2022	5:00 PM	Deadline for questions regarding NOFA
Tuesday, April 12, 2022	5:00 PM	Responses to NOFA questions sent to Applicants
<b>Friday, April 29, 2022</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>
Tuesday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday May 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM	<b>Evaluation and Ranking Committee</b> Members will meet to score each project application using the published Scoring
June 2022		Notice of Conditional Selection or Non-Selection to all project applicants

## What are the guiding regulations for the Grant Project?

The Guiding Federal Regulation for this project and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) is:

- [Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, including the Final Rule \(treasury.gov\)](https://www.treasury.gov)
- [SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance \(treasury.gov\)](https://www.treasury.gov)

## Background: ARPA and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Lee County

- Funds for the Grant Project are made possible through the American Rescue Plan Act and allocations from Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law, and established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, which together make up the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program. This program provides support to State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments to respond to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19.
- Lee County received a direct allocation of \$149,675,549, from the U.S. Treasury. The Lee County Board of County Commissioners allocated approximately \$17,000,000 to support responses or interventions that address or remediate the effects of the pandemic through allowable expenditure categories or activities related to the public

health emergency, negative economic impacts and/or are providing services to disproportionately impacted communities.

**Where to send questions for this Grant Project?**

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