



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ARPA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



DEAR COMMUNITY PARTNERS,

We are pleased to announce the availability of funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for initiatives aimed at domestic violence prevention and services in Adams County. This funding opportunity seeks to support projects that address the critical needs of individuals and families affected by domestic violence. Organizations and individuals are invited to submit proposals outlining innovative and effective strategies to prevent domestic violence and provide services and support to domestic violence survivors within Adams County.

Adams County's goal is to reduce the impact of domestic violence and support all survivors to thrive. Domestic violence includes physical, emotional, and psychological abuse and family trauma.

The goal is measured by:

1. Tracking and identifying cases: Track and identify the number and type of domestic violence cases in Adams County.
2. Increasing knowledge and access to supportive services: Increase knowledge about, access to, and capacity of supportive services for survivors.
3. Reducing and preventing homelessness: Reduce and prevent homelessness resulting from domestic violence incidents.
4. Increasing support through court systems: Increase the number of survivors who can move their case forward through the court systems, ensuring they have the legal support needed.

KEY DATES AND INFORMATION

- Total funding available: \$4 million
 - Individual request range per grant: Based on the project, up to \$4 million
 - Grant applications open: Monday, Jan. 8 [Click here](#)
 - Applicants are required to attend one of the following Key Driver Workshops. The Key Driver must be uploaded with the application. [Click here to sign up for an in-person or virtual coaching session.](#)
 - Monday, Jan. 22, 1-3 p.m., virtual
 - Thursday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m.-noon, virtual
 - Wednesday, Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-noon, Adams County Government Center Brantner Gulch A, 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton
 - Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1-3 p.m., Adams County Government Center Brantner Gulch A, 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton
 - Application Q&A:
 - Friday, Jan. 19, virtual, 1-2 p.m: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 - Friday, Feb. 9, virtual, 9-10 a.m: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 - Friday, Feb. 16, virtual, 1-2 p.m: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 - **Application submission deadline: Friday, Feb. 23**
 - Award Decision Notification: Week of March 25
 - Once a final decision is made, the organization will be informed immediately and be given seven to ten days to decide on acceptance. Funds will be disbursed based on contract execution.
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO
CREATING A MORE RESILIENT ADAMS COUNTY.

REVIEW PROCESS

All submitted proposals will undergo a thorough review process by a selection committee composed of representatives from relevant sectors. Evaluation criteria will include project feasibility, impact, and alignment with the objectives of domestic violence prevention and services as outlined in the scoring matrix.

We encourage interested organizations to attend an informational webinar on [Friday, Jan. 19](#); [Friday, Feb. 9](#); or [Friday, Feb. 16](#), to learn more about the funding opportunity and clarify any questions regarding the application process.

Please contact the ARPA Recovery Team at ARPAgrant@adcogov.org for inquiries and additional information.

Access the Adams County Domestic Violence Prevention and Services Application through the [grant management portal here](#).

APPLICATION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Grant applications open Monday, Jan. 8 [Click here](#)
- Complete applications must be submitted by [Friday, Feb. 23, at 11:59 p.m.](#)
- Applications should address how the proposed project aligns with the goals of domestic violence prevention and meets the needs of the Adams County community as outlined in the scoring matrix.
- Applications should be complete and include attachments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Performance management monitoring will be performed by Adams County and other designated staff throughout the term of the grant through the grant management platform. The subrecipient may be reviewed for:

- Mandatory quarterly work group meeting.
- Program or managerial monitoring: The quality of the services being provided and the effectiveness of those services in addressing the needs of the community.
- Grant monitoring: Review and analysis of current program information to determine the extent to which subrecipients are achieving established goals. Financial Services, in conjunction with Adams County and other designated staff, will provide performance monitoring and reporting reviews. Adams County will manage any performance issues and will develop interventions to resolve concerns.
- Compliance monitoring: Will ensure the terms of the grant are met, as well as federal, state, and city legal requirements, standards, and policies. The application must meet the requirements of ARPA.
- Financial monitoring: Will ensure grants are allocated and expended in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The subrecipient is required to provide all invoicing documents to the satisfaction of Adams County. Adams County will review the quality of the submitted invoice monthly.

REPORTING

The following reports shall be developed and delivered to Adams County as stated in this section through our grant management software.

Report Name	Description	Frequency	Reports Reviewed By
1. Monthly expense report	Monthly financial reports to be submitted on the grant management platform along with payment documentation.	Due monthly, submitted on or before the 10th of each month following the month services were rendered.	ARPA Grants Compliance Team
2. Quarterly programmatic report	Quarterly project and demographic report to include outputs and outcomes. Submitted on the grant management platform .	Due quarterly, submitted on or before the 15th of the month following the quarter end date.	ARPA Grants Compliance Team
3. Grant summary report	Report shall demonstrate all functions performed and how services provided met the overall goals of this agreement. Other data will include total budget per line item, amount spent, and an explanation as to unspent funds, etc.	Grant end, within 30 days after term end.	ARPA Grants Compliance Team

BUDGET

Subrecipients should request a draw and attach an invoice via the grant management platform. 75% of previous funds must be spent before a continuation of funds is dispersed.

When considering funding thresholds, allocated funds will be determined based on priority areas, populations served, and geographic areas served to accommodate various program sizes and project goals.

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

Scoring Matrix included in this document.

Application Copy:

[Review the Domestic Violence Prevention application as a PDF.](#) Complete and submit the application through the grant management platform.

SCORING MATRIX

Criteria #	Criteria	Weight	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Somewhat Meets Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
1	Clearly identifies the outcome(s) the proposal is intended to impact and is tied to the county's goals supporting survivors of domestic violence.	1	<p>Everything required for "meets expectations" score AND:</p> <p>Provides unequivocal justification, backed by research and historical examples, for why the proposal will impact the county's goals around domestic violence.</p>	<p>Extensively outlines the high level outcomes the proposal will work to impact.</p> <p>Provides good justification, backed by research and historical examples, for why their proposal will impact the county's goals.</p> <p>Outcomes listed are aligned to the county's goals or convincing justification is given as to why it should be one of the county's goals.</p>	<p>Outlines the high-level outcomes the proposal will work to impact.</p> <p>It's unclear how it ties back to the county's goal.</p>	<p>Does not provide outcomes.</p> <p>Justification for the outcomes is not given.</p>
2	Demonstrates to fill existing gap or an unmet/undermet need in Adams County.	1	<p>Everything required for "meets expectations" score AND:</p> <p>The proposal intends to serve a population that is historically neglected by the services that are otherwise available in our region.</p>	<p>Proposal intends to fill a gap in Adams County and is able to demonstrate what gap exists.</p>	<p>This proposal would improve the existing infrastructure for domestic violence services in the community but wouldn't outright fill a need identified through asset mapping, stakeholder and community input, or capacity analysis.</p>	<p>This service has not been demonstrated to fill a gap or improve upon existing efforts in a meaningful way.</p>
3	Proposal is evidence-based or provides strong justification for why their intervention will achieve impact if it is not evidence-based..	1	<p>Everything required for "meets expectations" score AND:</p> <p>Highlights similar strategies or clearly demonstrates other places it has worked on a smaller scale where the results have met or exceeded expectations.</p>	<p>Demonstrated to be informed by nationally recognized outcomes, best practices, or evidence-based approaches supported by research (reserved for those strategies supported by large bodies of research OR for which the research demonstrates the strategy is highly effective).</p> <p>In the event the approach of the applicant is novel and innovative, it has been demonstrated to be promising or emerging and can be expected to be effective (with data, case studies, analogous approaches, community voice and perspective, etc.).</p> <p>The applicant articulates how they will improve upon how this strategy has been implemented historically (if applicable).</p>	<p>A relationship is identified between nationally recognized outcomes, best practices, or evidence-based approaches supported by research, but the relationship is tenuous.</p> <p>In the event the approach of the applicant is novel and innovative, reasonable evidence is provided that demonstrates the approach can be expected to be effective by highlighting similar strategies or clearly demonstrating other places this has shown promise on a smaller scale</p>	<p>No attempt or misinformed attempt was made to demonstrate the strategy is informed by nationally recognized outcomes, proven/best practices, or evidence-based approaches supported by research.</p> <p>Applicant did not adequately explain why they believe their approach will work despite not being evidence-based.</p>
4	Clear, measurable, and reasonable targets and metrics to hold accountability to impact identified.	1	<p>Everything required for "meets expectations" score AND:</p> <p>Details barriers that might prevent them from achieving their targets, the likelihood of them occurring, and what they will do to overcome/avoid them so their targets are not impacted negatively.</p>	<p>Extensively outlines targets for listed outcomes and KPIs to monitor along the way which ladder up to the outcomes.</p> <p>Provides strong justification for how they arrived at a target (calculations included) which is ambitious but within reason.</p>	<p>Outlines the targets for listed outcomes and KPIs to monitor along the way which ladder up to the outcomes.</p> <p>Thoroughly explains their rationale for how they landed on their target, even if they didn't provide hard numbers.</p>	<p>Does not provide KPIs (i.e. data they will track to show progress and impact) or targets.</p> <p>Justification for targets is not given.</p>
5	Proposed project is cost efficient, and the budget line items clearly ladder to their intended impact.	1	<p>Budget line items are cost effective and are aligned to help the project achieve and potentially exceed its intended impact.</p>	<p>Budget line items are properly allocated, and there is a clear connection of how these budget items will help the project achieve its intended impact.</p>	<p>Budget line item amounts are not properly allocated.</p>	<p>Budget line items are not appropriate for project.</p>

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6	Organization has the needed internal capacity to successfully implement the project or program.	1	<p>Everything required for "meets expectations" score AND:</p> <p>The application provides evidence that the applying organization has existing infrastructure/pipelines in place to easily access the resources necessary to complete the proposal in a cost effective manner (this includes physical infrastructure, supply chain for material goods, workforce, etc.).</p>	<p>The applying organization demonstrates a history of financial stability and that the proposed project is achievable with the funds awarded.</p> <p>The application provides evidence that the applying organization has the capacity necessary to complete the proposal in a cost effective manner (this includes infrastructure, supply chain for material goods, workforce, etc.) even if work still needs to be done to further build capacity.</p>	<p>There is no reason to believe that the applying organization is actively under financial duress.</p> <p>The application outlines a plan by which the applying organization will ensure the capacity necessary to complete the proposal (this includes infrastructure, supply chain for material goods, workforce, etc.) even if work still needs to be done to build the capacity.</p>	<p>The applying organization either does not demonstrate a history of financial stability or is actively under financial duress.</p> <p>There is no mention of access to needed capacity or the plan for building capacity is ill-informed.</p>
7	Organization is planning to seek other funding sources to sustain the work or has a valid reason for not seeking additional funding for sustainability.	1	The applicant has been awarded additional funding/contracts and demonstrates a plan to be sustainable in the future.	The applicant has explored and is actively applying to additional funding streams.	The applicant has not explored alternative funding yet but is willing to explore options for other sources of funding in the future.	The project needs additional funding streams and is not willing to apply to them moving forward. Applicant does not address sustainability in any way
8	Organization demonstrates a track record of success on similar projects.	1.5	Organization has taken on projects of larger scope in the past that have a track record of success and sustainability.	Organization has taken on projects of similar scope in the past and has a track record of success.	<p>Organization has taken on projects of similar scope in the past but has not adequately described how it was successful.</p> <p>If there is no evidence of projects of similar scope in the organization's past, the organization is generally successful with the projects it does take on and provides evidence to substantiate this fact.</p>	Organization has not taken on any projects in the past in the domestic violence field.
9	Programming is culturally/linguistically responsive.	1.5	Program has historically been culturally/linguistically responsive and has a plan to continue doing so.	Project proposal is culturally/linguistically responsive, and there is a comprehensive plan.	Does not have a model or implementation but shows desire for culturally/linguistically responsive programming. Project is receptive to change.	<p>Does not demonstrate or have a desire to be culturally/linguistically responsive.</p> <p>Targets are unreasonable or not ambitious enough.</p>
10	Organization has plan to address accessibility as a barrier (transportation, virtual access, co-location).	1.5	Organization offers a multitude of options that addresses the full spectrum of accessibility needs.	Organization has a plan that only addresses one specific area of accessibility.	Organization recognizes accessibility as a barrier but does not have a realistic or well-thought-out plan.	Organization does not have a plan to address accessibility as a barrier.
11	<p>Partnerships required to implement programming have already been established.</p> <p>If a partnership is not needed, this criteria is N/A.</p>	1	Applicant has established a formal partnership and engaged partners have a clear understanding of roles and scope of the partnership.	Applicant has identified partnership is needed, is actively working to establish these partnerships, and explains why the partnership is needed.	Applicant has identified partnership is needed and demonstrates a plan to build those partnerships but does not explain why the partnership is needed.	In the event partnerships are needed, none have been established and no attempts have been made to establish them.