

# **City of Taunton**

## **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

### **Grant Program for Nonprofits**

The City of Taunton recognizes the important role Taunton nonprofit organizations play in making our City a great place to live. Nonprofits are well suited to provide programs that directly benefit those in our community who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The impact these ARPA funds have is twofold: nonprofits receive funding to assist in their own recovery while simultaneously aiding communities at-large in their recovery efforts. The City of Taunton offers this grant program to nonprofits in recognition of their dedication to the community and their ability to effectively provide programs for those in need.

The grant funding may be used for programs that provide direct aid to Taunton households, employment programs, mental health/substance abuse programs, food/shelter insecurity assistance and other programs targeted to those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The City of Taunton also recognizes that many nonprofits suffered a negative economic impact and need assistance in recovering. In order to assist in the recovery, the nonprofit may seek funds to help them do so.

**The applications will be accepted on a rolling basis provided that Applicant requirements have been met. Application period closes once all funds have been expended.**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

1. Nonprofits must have 501 (c) (3) approval from the IRS.
2. Nonprofits must provide services to **City of Taunton residents**.
3. Nonprofits must have offered services to residents in January 2019 and must be presently providing those services.
4. A Nonprofit that has suffered a negative impact may apply for a grant to assist in its recovery, provided the following conditions are met:
  - a. It demonstrates the negative economic impact suffered as a result of the pandemic from March 2020 forward;
  - b. It demonstrates how the funds will be used to offset the negative economic impact and assist in its recovery;
  - c. It demonstrates that the funds address a negative economic impact not already addressed by other federal/state/local financial assistance program received by the nonprofit.
5. Nonprofits may apply for a grant to fund programs benefiting Taunton households disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. A non-exclusive list of programs include aid to households, food/shelter insecurity programs, employment programs or mental health/substance abuse programs. Such programs must:
  - a. **Serve exclusively Taunton residents with these grant funds;**
  - b. Reach households in Taunton that have been disproportionately impacted or local, small businesses that have suffered a negative economic impact;

- c. Demonstrate that the program can be solely funded with the grant or demonstrate that the organization has sufficient additional funding to run the program;
- d. Demonstrate that grant funding will be spent by December 31, 2023.

## **Grant Conditions**

1. Funds shall not be used for reserves or debt service payments.
2. All grants will require an agreement between the City and the grantee. Grantee will comply with all terms of the grant. Failure to comply with the requirements will be cause for the repayment of the funds to the City.
3. GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

**CITY OF TAUNTON  
ARPA GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
NONPROFIT APPLICATION**

Name of Organization:		
Brief Description of the Mission of the Organization:		
Organization UEI Number:		
Organization Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Contact Name and Title:	Contact Phone	
Contact Email Address and Website (If Applicable):		

## **Assistance for Negative Economic Impact to Organization**

Provide a written statement describing the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency to your nonprofit and identify how the grant request addresses the negative impact.

Describe how you will use the funds to counter the negative impact and assist you in remaining sustainable in the future.

Provide budget details for intended use of the funds (this may be attached as an excel sheet).

Indicate whether the project is ready to start and, if not, describe the remaining steps needed to be completed before the project can begin.

Funding Amount Requested:

Total Cost of Project:

### **Nonprofit Program Proposal**

Funding Amount Requested:

Total Cost of Project:

Program Details: Provide program details and include description of the needs of impacted and disproportionately impacted households and how the program will benefit those households.

Population served: Describe the Taunton population to be served including an approximate number of households anticipated to benefit from the program.

Program Goals/Outcomes: Describe program goals and expected outcomes as well as how you will monitor program progress.

Outreach: Outline how you will reach out to the targeted population regarding the program and how you will recruit their participation.

Budget/Justification: Include a breakdown of how the requested funding will be used and the total budget detailed for the program. If funds beyond the grant are needed, specify the amount and source of the other funds (this may be attached as an excel sheet).

Timeline: Include a projected timeline for the program, and a completion date for the program (or the complete expenditure of grant funds).

Partnering Organizations: List any organizations with whom you will partner in this program and describe their participation and financial contribution to the program.

Has your organization applied and/or received ARPA or any other government COVID relief funding? If so, provide details and explain how those funds were used. (Duplication of funding is not permitted.)

Is the organization in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service, State of Massachusetts, and City of Taunton?

What is the total estimated number of persons to be served by this program?

What is the total estimated number of low to moderate income persons to be served by this program?

What is the total estimated number of clients currently/annually served by your program?



If you are awarded ARPA funding, please identify the dollar amount of the total project spending that will be allocated towards 'evidence-based interventions.

## **Financial Review by Consultant**

Applicant will be required to provide City's consultant with the following information:

1. A copy of your annual budget;
2. Scope of services to be provided using the funds;
3. A copy of the last annual audit completed by the organization;
4. A brief synopsis of the reporting which will be provided to the City to ensure compliance with the use of the funds;
5. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations must provide a copy of the previous calendar year Form 990;
6. A listing of board/organization members;
7. Any other financial information requested by consultant; and
8. Documentation to support funding request.

## **Affirmations and Acknowledgements**

Submission of a request that meets the requirements of this form, as well as any subsequent requirements, does not guarantee the award of ARPA funding and/or the support of the City of Taunton.

This application, any information submitted in support thereof and any award and agreement are public documents subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

The City of Taunton is relying on the accuracy of the application and all representations made by the Applicant. The City may request additional information, financial or otherwise, in considering and approving any application.

Applicant must be able to comply with federal reporting guidelines. Periodic project reports will be required. By applying for this grant, the applicant is representing that it will comply with all applicable reporting requirements.

By checking "Yes", you affirm and acknowledge that you have read and understand the above statements.

Yes  No

Applications can be emailed to [kgpemberton@taunton-ma.gov](mailto:kgpemberton@taunton-ma.gov)

They can also be dropped off or mailed to:

ARPA Nonprofit Grant Program

Taunton City Hall

15 Summer Street, Suite 302

Taunton, MA 02780

### **Applicant Certification**

THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT:

1. The information contained in this document is true, complete and accurate;
2. The applicant agrees that all funds provided by the City will be utilized solely for the purposes set forth in this application and approved by the City.
3. The applicant shall comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Formal Award Agreement; and
4. Sufficient funds are available from non-ARPA sources to complete the program by \_\_\_\_\_, if ARPA funds are allocated to the applicant.

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Signature of Authorized Applicant Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title

<sup>1</sup> Evidence-based refers to interventions with strong or moderate evidence as defined below:

- Strong evidence means that the evidence base can support causal conclusions for the specific program proposed by the applicant with the highest level of confidence. This consists of one or more well-designed and well-implemented experimental studies

conducted on the proposed program with positive findings on one or more intended outcomes.

- Moderate evidence means that there is a reasonably developed evidence base that can support causal conclusions. The evidence base consists of one or more quasi-experimental studies with positive findings on one or more intended outcomes OR two or more non-experimental studies with positive findings on one or more intended outcomes. Examples of research that meet the standards include: well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental studies that compare outcomes between the group receiving the intervention and a matched comparison group (i.e., a similar population that does not receive the intervention).
- Preliminary evidence means that the evidence base can support conclusions about the program's contribution to observed outcomes. The evidence base consists of at least one non-experimental study. A study that demonstrates improvement in program beneficiaries over time on one or more intended outcomes OR an implementation (process evaluation) study used to learn about and improve program operations would constitute preliminary evidence. Examples of research that meet the standards include: (1) outcome studies that track program beneficiaries through a service pipeline and measure beneficiaries' responses at the end of the program; and (2) pre- and post-test research that determines whether beneficiaries have improved on an intended outcome.