

**2021**  
**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**  
**Grant to Provide Social Services Application**

City of Bloomington  
Department of Community Services  
Community Outreach and Engagement Division  
1800 West Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, Minnesota 55431

**Applications are due Thursday, October 22, 2020, 4:00 p.m.**

NOTICE OF CITY OF BLOOMINGTON POLICY  
OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY

The City of Bloomington complies with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities. Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Bloomington services, programs, and activities. The City has designated coordinators to facilitate compliance with the ADA and to coordinate compliance with Section 504 as mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. For information, contact the Outreach and Engagement Division, City of Bloomington, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, Minnesota 55431-3027; (952)563-8733 (Voice); MN Relay 711.

Upon request, this information can be available in Braille, large print, audio tape, and/or electronic format.

## **Grant Application Overview**

Through the Outreach and Engagement Division, the City desires to strengthen the capacity of supportive services for community residents who may be experiencing specific social vulnerabilities. Through Purchase of Service Agreements, the City of Bloomington intends to purchase direct social services that it does not already provide through existing programs and which support the City Council strategic priorities of equity and inclusion and high quality service. As a result, the City is making available up to \$125,000 to support efforts through the City of Bloomington Social Services Grant Funds. Applicants may submit a request of up to \$25,000 cash award. In-kind awards are no longer available through this RFP process. Final funding available is contingent on approval of the 2021 City Budget.

The City of Bloomington has identified several social vulnerabilities which refer to the resilience of communities when confronted by external stresses on human health and well-being (Bloomington Public Health Community Health Survey, [https://www.bloomingtonmn.gov/sites/default/files/PH\\_Community\\_Health\\_Survey\\_Data%20Book.pdf](https://www.bloomingtonmn.gov/sites/default/files/PH_Community_Health_Survey_Data%20Book.pdf)).

Our goal is to provide support for those individuals and families who might not otherwise be able to access services in these vulnerable areas. They include housing, food resources, employment, crime victim services, and mental health services. Opportunities may include but are not limited to:

- Services for homeless or precariously housed individuals
- Food resources for those individuals who live in food deserts or have limited funds to purchase foods
- Supportive mental health services
- Employment support services for individuals who face challenges finding and sustaining employment

### Priority Population(s):

- People who live in Bloomington, MN
- Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) including immigrants, refugees and those with undocumented status – 27% of Bloomington’s population is non-white
- LGBTQ+ individuals and communities
- Low socioeconomic status
- People who live with disabilities

### Priority services have the following characteristics:

- **Support Bloomington City Council Strategic Priorities of Equity and Inclusion and High Quality Services** – Social services that are focused on reducing racial disparities and are provided in a cost effective and efficient manner. Services do not duplicate existing City programs and services.
- **Results-oriented** – services that demonstrate both the process of service integration and the impact these services have on priority populations;
- **Community-based** – services which are readily accessible, through functional and/or physical presence in the community, to Bloomington residents;
- **Designed to build on the strengths and resources of individuals and families** – services which are provided in conjunction with an individual or family’s natural and extended support network and promote self-reliance

### **How to Apply:**

Interested providers must submit a brief application which includes a description of the service(s) and a detailed budget. These applications will be reviewed by a cross departmental committee of City Staff. The Bloomington City Council will approve funds in their annual budget process. All selected providers will be expected to provide an evaluation form at the completion of their work detailing results.

Some funding restrictions do apply under this RFP:

- Governmental organizations/services are not eligible
- For-profit business/organizations are not eligible
- Funding must support-Bloomington individuals and families
- Funding cannot be used for Illegal or adult business/activity
- Programs must be a statutorily authorized expenditure of the City of Bloomington. For more information, see the League of Minnesota Cities Information Memo: Public Purpose Expenditure. <https://www.lmc.org/resources/public-purpose-expenditures/>
- Funding must not be used to cover costs that have been or will be reimbursed under another local, state, federal program, or private grant No organization shall receive more than 30% of their budgeted expenses for Bloomington
- City of Bloomington Departments and Divisions are not eligible.

The organization that submits the application shall be responsible for providing the service to the City of Bloomington.

**I. REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**A. Organization Information**

Applicant Organization	Type of Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit
Name of Program(s)	
Program Address	
Organization Representative and Title	Telephone Number
Name of Person Preparing Application	Telephone Number
E-Mail Address	

**B. Scope of Service(s) and Criteria for Scoring:** Applicants must provide information related to each component listed below. This information may also be inserted into your Agreement if selected to provide services

Score	Component	Description
<p><b>Maximum 20 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 points if current demographics serve a minimum of 28% BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color)</li> <li>10 points if at least one of the populations served include LGBTQ +, People with Disabilities, and Low socioeconomic status.</li> <li>No points awarded if population served does not live in Bloomington</li> </ul>	<p>Service to Priority Target Bloomington Residents (1,500 characters limit)</p>	

<p><b>Maximum 25 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 points for clear program and service objectives and eligibility criteria.</li> <li>• 5 points for a service location in Bloomington.</li> <li>• 10 points for programs which reduce or eliminate racial disparities.</li> </ul>	<p>Demonstrated Priority Services (3,500 characters limit)</p>	
<p><b>Maximum 15 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 points for demonstrated impact to target populations from past and projected results.</li> <li>• 5 points for clearly defined evaluation method.</li> </ul>	<p>Program Evaluation (1,000 characters limit)</p>	

<p><b>Maximum 15 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 points for ability to comply with City's Services Agreement</li> <li>• 5 points for providing equity and inclusion policy and/or guidelines.</li> <li>• 5 points for providing organization's policies and practices in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act.</li> </ul>	<p>Ability to Comply with City's Terms and Conditions (500 characters limit)</p>	
<p><b>Maximum 20 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 points for a complete and detailed budget form.</li> </ul>	<p>Fiscal Responsibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete attached financial services summary.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Maximum 5 Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 points for complete application.</li> </ul>	<p>Comprehensive Application</p>	<p>Proposal is complete, clear and comprehensive.</p>

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all information contained in this application is correct and complete; that, if approved, programs/services will be conducted according to the application. I also understand that I will be required to enter into agreement with the City of Bloomington to perform the programs and services agreed upon. A sample of the City's required terms and conditions is available on request. The applicant agency has authorized me, as its representative, to give these assurances and to file this application.

**AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL**

Signature	Title	Date
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## II. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

### A. Application Submissions Procedure and Format

1. To be considered for funding, one (1) paper copies of the applications must be received at the address below **no later than 4:00 P.M., Thursday, October 22, 2020.**

City of Bloomington  
Community Outreach and Engagement Division  
1800 West Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, MN 55431

2. Application should be completed for a one-year (12 month) period of time from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.
3. Applications submitted without unduplicated Bloomington resident projections during the term of the agreement and requested financial information will **not** be considered for funding.
4. Application need **not** include elaborate brochures, expensive bindings, etc.
5. Legibility, clarity, and completeness are essential.
6. **Past funding does not guarantee future funding.**

### B. Inquiries

**For inquiries or to request a paper version of the application contact** Community Outreach and Engagement Division, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431. [outreach@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:outreach@BloomingtonMN.gov)

Questions related to the application or process are due by October 16, 2020. Questions may be directed to [outreach@bloomingtonmn.gov](mailto:outreach@bloomingtonmn.gov).