



## **Taos County ARPA Grant Application Overview**

In recognition of the essential role played by the nonprofit sector in the pandemic response, Taos County is partnering with Taos Community Foundation in hosting the ARPA Funding Opportunity. The intent with this funding is to move past stop-gap funding, with a focus on moving forward into stronger community response efforts. Application content must address or provide services within Taos County, related to one of the following – **Community Health and Wellbeing** or **Economic Resilience**.

**The total planned grantmaking allocation for this round of funding is \$500,000.**

**Eligibility:** Applications will be considered from one of the following:

- Qualified 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organizations in good standing (see taoscf.org for details)
- Fiscally sponsored projects (The Fiscal Sponsor organization must be a 501(c) 3 in good standing and eligible to apply).
- Faith based organizations providing social services to the broader community
- Tribal organizations

Applications are presented in two different Funding Categories. **Please note that there are different applications for these 2 categories, and organizations wishing to apply for both are required to complete both applications.**

**Submission:** Grant applications will be processed through Taos Community Foundations online application portal. \*Before beginning the application process, all applicants should be sure to have the documents listed on the Documentation Checklist ready for upload.

**Application deadline for both applications is: December 6, 2022, at 5 pm.**

Late applications will not be considered.

**Technical Assistance:** Taos Community Foundation is the primary contact for any/all questions related to this funding opportunity. The Foundation is offering 5 technical assistance sessions via zoom on the following dates:

- November 2, 2022 at 2pm
- November 9, 2022 at 10am
- November 14, 2022 at 5pm
- November 21, 2022 at 9am
- December 2, 2022 at 11am

Please contact the Foundation office at (575) 737-9300 to register for one of these sessions.

Please contact Helen Forte, Director of Community Impact ([hforte@taoscf.org](mailto:hforte@taoscf.org)) if additional assistance is needed.

**Application Review Process:** Applications will be reviewed by the Taos County Grants Committee in a facilitated process. **The committee will review applications based on the following criteria:**

- Program impact on services in the community
- The applicant organization / collaboration's capacity to manage the grant and deliver the program
- Consideration of service area
- Sustainability – beyond the funding period
- Collaboration and partnership if any
- Sustainability- beyond the funding period

**Grant Period / Reporting Requirements:** Applicants will be notified of the final decision no later than January 6, 2023. Funds awarded must be expended within 12 months of award.

Interim and final report dates will be assigned at the time of award.

**There are two funding categories for this application:**

**1. Non- Profit Impact Funding**

Organizations working to address specific community needs exacerbated by the impacts of COVID-19 are invited to apply for this funding opportunity.

Single organizations whose mission does not relate directly to Community Health and Wellbeing or Economic Resilience are eligible to apply. The application must demonstrate how the proposal provides services that addresses one of the following categories:

**Community Health and Wellbeing- examples could include, but are not limited to....**

- COVID mitigation and/or prevention
- Behavioral Health Care
- Public Health workforce support
- Violence prevention and or response
- Access to medical care

**Economic Resilience - examples could include, but are not limited to....**

- Support of the Food and Agricultural Sector
- Housing support
- Access to Community Services
- Education:
  - Early Childhood
  - Summer and Afterschool Programming
  - Adult Education and Parent Supports

**Awards for the Non- Profit Impact Funding must not exceed \$100,000.**

**Please note that the award may not exceed 50% of applicant annual operating budget.**

## **2. Systems Change Impact Funding**

Support for an existing or new project addressing one or more systemic level issues facing our local community. Single organizations or collaborations may apply for this opportunity. If there are multiple organizations involved in a Systems Change Impact application – there will be one lead applicant. This could be a 501 (c)3 organization or a Fiscally Sponsored entity.

Applicants for the Systems Change Impact Funding Opportunity must address one of the following funding priorities in their project:

### **Community Health and Wellbeing- examples could include, but are not limited to....**

- COVID mitigation and/or prevention
- Behavioral Health Care
- Public Health workforce support
- Violence prevention and or response
- Access to medical care

### **Economic Resilience - examples could include, but are not limited to....**

- Support of the Food and Agricultural Sector
- Housing support
- Access to Community Services
- Education:
  - Early Childhood
  - Summer and Afterschool Programming
  - Adult Education and Parent Supports

**Awards for the Systems Change Impact Funding may not exceed \$250,000.**