

American Rescue Plan Act:

Supporting the Social Infrastructure of the New Rochelle Community

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Utilizing \$3.7 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, the City of New Rochelle is seeking to strengthen the social infrastructure of the City through grants to local not-for-profit, service, and educational organizations that serve LMI and QCT populations. Funding by the City will be focused on:

- Providing a continued response to COVID-19;
- Aiding in the recovery from COVID-19, resulting in a stronger and more resilient New Rochelle community;
- Addressing inequities in the delivery of health services, as well as other human needs exacerbated by the pandemic, including food security, employment, mental health, housing, and related challenges;
- Enhancing organizational capacity to prepare for and respond to future public health emergencies and associated human service challenges;
- Achieving educational equity and overcoming learning challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic

ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for funding, an organization must:

- Serve the New Rochelle Community.
- Be a not-for-profit organization with a 501(c)(3) certificate or be a K-12 or higher education institution.
- Serve an LMI and QCT populations.

Note: faith-based organizations that meet the above criteria are eligible to apply for funding; however, funding may not be used towards worship or religious instruction.

FUNDING CRITERIA

Funding proposals must fall under one of the following categories:

- Funding for one-time expenditures that help build long-term capacity of the organization.
- Funding for programs or services that are independently sustainable by the organization following the exhaustion of the American Rescue Plan funding. (Organizations will need to provide a sustainability plan in their application.)

APPLICATION PROCESS

New Rochelle will invite grant applications from eligible organizations on an annual basis in 2022, 2023, and 2024 and distribute the \$3.7 million of the American Rescue Plan funds set aside to support social infrastructure in the following manner: up to 50% of funds will be distributed in Year 1; at least 30% of funds will be distributed in Year 2; and at least 20% of the funds will be distributed in Year 3.

- Multi-year funding requests are acceptable. All grant funds must be used by the organization prior to December 31, 2026.
- Because there is a finite amount of grant funds available, organizations should apply for their full funding request when they submit their initial application.
- Grantees will be required to submit a Grant Final Report at the conclusion of their grant period. For multi-year requests, grantees will be required to submit Interim Grant Progress Reports annually.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Project Name and Description:

Category (check all that apply):

- Capacity Building
- Capital Improvement
- Project/Program
- Other _____

Type of Project:

- New
- Existing
- Change/expansion of an existing project

Is this project a one-time expense or ongoing?

- If ongoing, indicate how you plan to sustain the project after American Rescue Plan grant funding ends.

What is the purpose of this project? OR What is the need that this project addresses?

How will these funds help you either respond to or recover from COVID-19, address inequities in the delivery of health and other human services, build organizational capacity to prepare for future public health emergencies or human services challenges, or focus on achieving educational equity and overcoming learning challenges?

How many individuals from New Rochelle will be served by this project? What percentage of the individuals served by this project are LMI residents or reside within a Qualified Census Tract?

Are there any other projects in the community that address the same need? If yes, how will you prevent duplication of effort?

What are the measurable outcomes of this project? How will you measure/track these outcomes?

Budget - provide a detailed budget using the template provided for the entire project.

- If the American Rescue Funds will serve as only part of the project budget, list the other sources of funding and indicate whether secured or in process.
- Are you able to proceed with the project if you do not receive the full amount of your funding request from the City of New Rochelle? If yes, how will accomplish the project (e.g., scale project down, use alternative sources of funding, etc.)?