



All In Washington Covid Relief Fund Emergency Flexible Financial Assistance Grant Guidelines

Funding Overview

All In Washington was established to mobilize community, business, and philanthropic leaders across the state to address the profound effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable people, workers, and families. The Aggregate Fund, one of several funds under All In WA, will provide grants to community-based organizations that are providing emergency flexible financial assistance to disproportionately impacted people in the hardest-hit communities in Washington.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to unprecedented impacts across the state, including record-breaking unemployment, housing and food insecurity, increased domestic and gender-based violence, rising numbers of people facing clinically significant mental health challenges, COVID infection, deaths and hospitalizations, loss of access to childcare for working families, and a growing digital divide. These impacts are disproportionately experienced by Black, Indigenous, Asian (especially Southeast Asian), Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, Latinx, and undocumented residents. These impacts are also pronounced among economically vulnerable people living in rural, remote, and tribal communities that may lack the resources (including philanthropic support) found in urban communities, or where people have difficulty accessing services due to language barriers, eligibility requirements, geographic proximity, or historic patterns of discrimination.

The goal of the Emergency Flexible Financial Assistance grant opportunity is to provide disproportionately impacted individuals and families with financial support to meet their basic needs and regain stability in their lives. Funds are intended to be flexible, allowing people to decide how best to prioritize their needs for housing, health care, food, childcare, transportation, and other basic necessities.

The All In WA Fund will provide up to \$6,000,000 in grants to community-based organizations (CBOs), intermediaries, and coalitions that have trusted relationships with disproportionately impacted people, have a history of serving these people, are led by and rooted in prioritized communities, and center racial and economic equity in their work. While many organizations are mobilizing to provide additional support, CBOs deeply rooted in the priority populations are best positioned to understand and address the unique needs of their communities. Many of these organizations are often overlooked in traditional funding processes and are in need of significant support due to overwhelming demand.

Grants to community-based organizations will range in size from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Coalitions, intermediaries and state-wide organizations are eligible for grants up to \$150,000. Organizations will have discretion to determine the amount of emergency flexible financial assistance for each individual or family as well as how to disburse the funds to ensure it reaches the prioritized populations. Up to 10% of the grant amount may be used to cover the administrative costs of disbursing emergency flexible financial assistance to the people and communities identified as priorities below. Given the urgency of the needs communities are facing, organizations are encouraged, though not required, to expend grant funds within six months.

Priorities

We will give priority to community-based organizations, intermediaries, state-wide organizations and coalitions serving the following people who face disproportionate impacts of COVID-19:

- Black
- Native American
- Asian, especially Southeast Asian
- Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander
- Hispanic or Latinx
- Undocumented residents

We will also give priority to organizations serving rural and remote communities of central, eastern, and coastal Washington, as well as rural and underserved communities in Western Washington, especially those outside the urban core in King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties.

Opportunity Details:

- Grant Amounts: \$25,000 to \$100,000, pending funding availability. Grant amounts of up to \$150,000 will be considered for coalitions, state-wide organizations and intermediaries based on the scope and scale of coalition membership.
- Launch: September 28, 2020.
- Deadline: Friday, October 23, 2020 by 5pm.

Eligibility Requirements:

- All recipients must be a community-based organization or intermediary with 501(c)3 nonprofit status, have a fiscal sponsor that qualifies as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, are a state-recognized tribe or federally recognized sovereign tribal nation.
- All recipients must be based within the state of Washington and currently serving communities in Washington.

Strong preference will be given to:

- Organizations whose governance and leadership reflects the communities they were intended to serve.
- Organizations that center racial and economic equity in their work and approach.
- Organizations with strong relationships and trust in the communities they serve.

Reporting Requirements:

Grant recipients will be expected to submit a brief report about the use of grant funds which will include:

- Description of how people were served with Emergency Flexible Financial Assistance
- Total number of people served
- Demographic profile of people served (race, ethnicity and immigration status)
- Geographic distribution of people served (by county)
- 1 or 2 short stories to illustrate the impacts of Emergency Flexible Financial Assistance on people served
- A short summary of other needs the organization is facing (so this could inform future funding opportunities)
- Any feedback regarding the application or process

For questions, please contact grants@allinwa.org.