

Health Starts at Home

Expanding Housing Wrap-Around Services and Supports

FAQ

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Q: Are projects which propose work with low-income communities that are mainly composed of homeowners (as opposed to rental properties) eligible for funding under this RFP?

A: No. While the Foundation recognizes that there is a need for supports and services outside of rental communities, this RFP is limited to rental communities. However, respondents that offer services and supports at affordable rental communities, but also make those services and supports available to the larger community, including homeowners, are eligible.

Q: Are current grant partners eligible to expand current work?

A: No. Current grant partners are eligible to apply for a new or different project/program, but may not apply to expand what St. David's Foundation already funds.

Q: Do you fund projects outside of the five county Central Texas area?

A: No. St. David's Foundation's funding area is Central Texas, inclusive of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. While projects/programs implemented outside the area are not eligible, organizations that work outside of Central Texas are eligible as long as Central Texas residents are the clear beneficiaries of the services and/or supports funded under this RFP.

Q: Has the Foundation set a minimum number for target populations in affordable rental units to be considered eligible?

A: There is not a minimum number of residents or rental units for a proposal to be considered eligible. In reviewing proposals, those that offer a larger impact for the expenditure, or offer a larger potential for learning and advancing the field will likely be viewed as more competitive.

Q: What if the housing model proposed is rent free for transitional housing?

A: The key question will be how long residents will remain in the housing, and whether that time period allows for and supports the goals of the proposed project. However, if the applicant believes a strong case can be made for the value of the intervention, they are eligible to apply, but should offer up a clearly described theory of change for their proposed intervention.

Q: Is an organization which serve groups of people in scattered sites (i.e. renter vouchers) in various sites eligible to apply?

A: Yes – this is technically eligible under this RFP. However, we would encourage you to refer to the priorities of this RFP and think deeply about social connection, maximizing space, resident voice, etc. and how these priorities would be addressed in a scattered site model.

Q: Regarding expansion of services; i.e. case management, empowering residents, life skills training, etc. Does the proposed work have to be a complete departure from what we are doing already as an organization?

A: This proposal can include funding for what an organization is already doing and can also be a departure from its current service model or a blending of both. The one clear area that is not eligible for funding under this RFP are services and supports the Foundation is already funding in an existing grant.

Q: Do you consider rental mobile home communities eligible?

A: Yes, provided they meet the other eligibility criteria, rental mobile home communities would be eligible for funding.

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Q: What if multiple agencies apply to do something in the same community?

A: This might lead to a discussion the Foundation would explore with the respondents during the “negotiation” time period in the Fall, and a possible conversation to consider coordination of efforts.

Q: Is having a model for sustainability important?

A: We recognize sustainability is not always a feasible goal. We are more interested in understanding what an applicant expects to happen at the end of the grant, what will you do with the information acquired and/or how the services and supports funded will be maintained or transitioned.

Q: Can an organization be in more than one proposal?

A: Yes. As long as it’s clear in the application what your role is you can play multiple roles. However, there must be a lead who’s responsible for the outcome and finances.

Q: As far as giving and getting information through technology; i.e. software applications, would that be permitted?

A: Yes, as long as the process is clearly inclusive of all residents and allows for robust resident input and participation.

Q: Can we submit a proposal that would aim to influence policy through resident advocacy efforts?

A: Yes. However, these funds could not be used for lobbying efforts.

Q: Can an organization build into their proposal a timeline to integrate opportunities for social connection and develop a resident methodology to do so?

A: Yes. We encourage your timeline and proposed scope of work to adequately provide for the time necessary to plan and prepare for the proposed services and supports.

Q: Can the grant cover a stipend for residents?

A: Yes, stipends are an eligible expense.

Q: If programming is on-site at an apartment complex, but the project proposal wanted to provide an off-site field trip, would that be allowable?

A: Yes. If an off-site field trip is linked to the broader goal of increased self-sufficiency and/or stabilized health, that would be an allowable expense.

Q: Is the Foundation considering a summit or convening at the end of two-year grant term as an opportunity for learning and reflection?

A: Yes. We are open to a number of ideas that could represent the learnings from this work. If the awardees who will make up the learning community believe that this project yields insights and learnings that would advance the field, then we want to share those learnings and will be looking for the best vehicle(s) to do so.

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