



MI Impact Grant FAQ

General

Q: How is a 'large' nonprofit defined?

A: There is not a specific operating budget that nonprofits must have to apply for the grant. Respondents must have the organizational capacity to manage the grant funds and demonstrate prior experience in managing large dollar grant funds.

Q: Is it your intention to ensure all of Michigan is covered by awarded proposals?

A: Geographical diversity is important to LEO and will be a consideration in awarding grants.

Q: Can you apply for this grant if you received local ARPA funds from your county?

A: Yes, as long as the funding is not paying for same, exact expenditures.

Q: Can a for-profit entity partner with a nonprofit or is this just for nonprofits?

A: Organizations applying for the grant must be a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)19.

Q: Will the Community Center grants be considered double dipping?

A: Nonprofits can apply, and receive funding, for both the MI Impact Grant and the Community Center grant, if they are for two separate and distinct projects.

Request for Information (RFI)

Q: If I submitted a Request for Information, do I still need to submit an application for the MI Impact Grant?

A: Yes, you must submit an application for the MI Impact Grant.

Q: If I didn't submit a request for Information, can I still apply for the MI Impact Grant?

A: Yes, you can submit an application for the MI Impact Grant. Submitting an RFI was not a requirement.

Q: If I submitted an RFI for a certain proposal or program, can I submit an application for the MI Impact Grant for a different proposal or program?

A: Yes, you don't have to submit an application for the same program or proposal that you submitted under the RFI.

Performance Metrics

Q: How should a nonprofit measure: "How many families were served annually who fall below the ALICE threshold?"

A: This definition encompasses all families that fall underneath the [United Way of Michigan's ALICE](#) threshold for a given county for the families that the nonprofit serves, including those in poverty.

Q: What is a geographically disadvantaged area, as defined by [Executive Directive 2019-08](#)?

A: For a geographically disadvantaged area, we are using it as those households and populations residing in Qualified Census Tracts.

Q: How should a nonprofit measure: “What impacted and/or disproportionately impacted population were primarily served?”

A: Disproportionally impacted households include the following:

- Low-income households and populations
 - Low-income households and communities are those with income at or below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for the size of its household based on the most recently published poverty guidelines
- Households and populations residing in Qualified Census Tracts
- Households that qualify for certain federal programs
 - These federal programs are Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Free- and Reduced-Price Lunch (NSLP) and/or School Breakfast (SBP) programs, Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidies, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Head Start and/or Early Head Start, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Section 8 Vouchers, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Pell Grants
- Households receiving services provided by Tribal governments

Impact Areas

Q: The RFP states that proposals that support housing and educational programs will not be considered for this funding, as they are being addressed through other SLFRF funding sources available through other state departments. How do I know if my proposed programming is already funded?

A: The state of Michigan does not want to duplicate funding for programs that have already been funded through SLFRF. You can review an inventory of programs at [Microsoft Word - Final - 2022 SLFRF Recovery Plan Performance Report v7 \(michigan.gov\)](#).

Q: Can my proposal include more than one impact area?

A: Yes, proposals can include more than one impact area.

Q: Will preference be given to proposals who choose projects across multiple impact areas?

A: Preference will not be given to proposals who choose projects across multiple impact areas.

Q: Can the grant be utilized for continuing a current program servicing the same population that the current program serves?

A: Yes, but we do encourage innovation in reaching new populations.

Funding

Q. What is the amount of funding available?

A: The minimum amount of funding available is \$1,000,000 and the maximum amount is \$2,000,000, available over the two-year grant period.

Q: How many grants will be funded?

A: The number of grants funded will be based on scores and the amount of funding organizations request. There is no way to determine the number of grants that will be funded at this time.

Q: Can we request less than \$1,000,000

A: No, the minimum amount is \$1,000,000.

Q: Are all salaries and fringes considered administrative?

A: No, you can submit a budget that includes salaries and fringe, separate from administrative costs.

Q: If awarded, can funds be issued to a sub-recipient who received Nonprofit Relief Funds?

A: No, funds can be issued to a subrecipient who received funding through the MI Nonprofit Relief Fund.

Q: For a food distribution project, is the purchase and/or lease of a refrigerated truck allowable?

A: Capital expenditures are not allowed through the MI Impact Grant, so the purchase of the refrigerated truck would not be allowed. You can lease a truck, using funds through the MI Impact Grant.

Q: Can an organization have partners with this funding?

A: Yes, organizations can partner with other entities, as long as neither have received MI Nonprofit Relief funding. The overall responsibility for the funds must remain with the nonprofit grantee. The grantee can contract with an entity that is not a nonprofit and that provides a good or service. If the grantee is sub awarding funds, to those who are providing direct services, the sub awardee must be a 501(c)3 or 501(c)19. In this circumstance, those receiving a sub award are responsible for reporting and grant compliance.

Reporting

Q: What are the reporting requirements?

A: Grantees will be required to submit a monthly narrative sharing progress made that month, problems or delays, and success stories. The report will also include all financial expenditures for the previous month. In addition, programs using Federal State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) are required to report on a quarterly basis on expenditures and programmatic data.

EGRAMS

Q: If we have a EGRAMS login from another program, will it work for the MI Impact Application?

A: No. Applicants cannot use other program credentials (ex. DHHS) to access the LEO website / MI Impact Grant program. Applicants will need to create a user ID at <https://egrams-mi.com/leo> to create their agency profile.

Scoring and Reviewing

Q: Can you share the scoring rubric?

A: There are a total of 100 possible points:

SECTION	POINTS
Proposal Compliance	Up to 9 Points
Program Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Described the problem the program is targeting• Described how the proposed program will be designed to address the harm that was exacerbated by the pandemic• Identified how the program fits into the larger effort of the Michigan Poverty Task Force• Provided a blueprint on program design features• Described how the program is aligned with best practices in the field	Up to 25 Points
Program Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan for program outreach and promotion• Provided an outcomes reporting plan• Provided a detailed project timeline	Up to 18 Points
Competence, Experience and Staffing	Up to 18 Points
Budget	Up to 30 Points