

CITY OF LIBERTY HILL COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT FUNDING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES Fiscal Year 2022-23

I. CRITERIA FOR SUPPORT – STANDARDS:

A. Purpose Statement for City of Liberty Hill funding to the nonprofit sector. The City of Liberty Hill values partnerships with organizations that are committed to addressing our community's greatest public challenges. The purpose of City funding to the nonprofit sector is to cultivate and sustain partnerships with 501(c)3 organizations that strengthen the City's key priorities in the following areas:

- Public Safety
- Transportation
- Housing
- Parks & Recreation
- Veteran Services
- Elderly
- Children
- Tourism
- Safety Net

B. Key Priority Areas Defined

Public Safety.

- While the City is a Public Safety leader for police services, public safety also encompasses a broad scope of work that makes this community safe for all.

Eligible organizations and programs may include those that contribute to safe neighborhoods, youth empowerment, and neighborhood community centers.

Transportation.

- Eligible organizations include those that assist in meeting the transportation needs of Liberty Hill residents unable to access private transportation such as homebound seniors and youth under the age of 16 years.

Housing.

- Eligible organizations include those that offer emergency shelter, transitional or temporary housing, and affordable housing.

Parks & Recreation.

- Eligible organizations include those that provide affordable, accessible activities that enhance Liberty Hill residents' health and well-being, including sports, fitness, and other recreational programs.

Veteran's Services

- Support veteran programs and services within the community.

Elderly

- Support local programs that provide needed services and programs for the aging population in the community.

Children

- Programs and activities that provided needed services for underserved and at-risk children and youth.

Tourism

- Programs and activities that directly promote the City as a destination and bring individuals from outside the community to attend events, shop, and dine.

Safety Net.

- The City recognizes its responsibility to support efforts to address this community's most pressing basic needs. Examples of basic needs include food insecurity, emergency financial assistance, mental/behavioral health care, substance abuse, domestic/family violence, and health care, including, but not limited to, dental and vision.

Safety Net priorities will be based on ongoing analysis of unmet existing needs and emerging needs in this community and may change over time.

II. IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES:

A. Appropriation of funds for Strategic Partnerships for Community Services does not encumber subsequent councils to continue appropriations for such funding and does not imply that subsequent councils may provide such funding. Organizations receiving Strategic Partnerships for Community Services grants from the city are encouraged to identify additional and alternative sources of funding.

B. When evaluating applications for Strategic Partnerships for Community Services grant funding, the Council shall consider the portion of funding each organization receives from the City, with the objective of encouraging reliance on funding sources other than the City.

III. POLICY FOR ESTABLISHING FUNDING AMOUNTS

- A. Expenditure targets per the City of Liberty Hill Fiscal and Budgetary Policy approved by the City Council on (INSERT DATE): The City has targeted funding for these programs to be \$5.00 per

capita, which may be adjusted to offset the effects of general inflation based upon Consumer Price Index. If previous funding levels are higher than the targeted amount, and to avoid significant reductions in levels of funding, the City Council shall seek to attain this target chiefly through population growth. These funds will be allocated and paid according to the City Council's grant funding guidelines.

- B. The proposed funding level for 2022/23 is \$45,000. The Minimum Grant that may be applied for is \$500.00. The Maximum Grant that may be applied for is \$20,000.

IV. PROCESS

- A. Starting on January 15th until February 15th of each year, the City of liberty Hill will accept applications for Community Service Grants. Applicant shall be required to complete the necessary application form and all requested supporting documents and materials. Failure to submit a complete application process will result in an applications rejection.
- B. All applicants must be able to demonstrate that their requested funding is closely tied to one of the City Council's Key Priority Areas in A and B above.
- C. Applicants will be provided the opportunity to appear before the City Council and give a brief presentation (15 minutes) and answer any City Council questions.
- D. After reviewing all applications and hearing the presentations the City Council will then allocate money to the agencies. Funding will be included as part of the annual budget and will be available in the following calendar year. This money will be in a segregated account and will be disbursed at the time of the event, project, initiative, or activity.
- E. All recipients will need to enter into a one-year Funding Agreement with the City of Liberty Hill.
- F. Applicants will need to resubmit for subsequent year funding.