



Our Path Home
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FY 2023 City of Boise Homeless Services Grants

Updated: July 2022

Background

The City of Boise serves as the lead agency for Our Path Home, the public-private partnership working to end homelessness in Ada County, and is committed to ending homelessness in Ada County. Because of this commitment, the City continues to bolster the work of Our Path Home non-profit partner agencies by investing in evidence-based best practices and by exploring new opportunities to better serve our community.

The City of Boise funds grants for homeless services each year from the Neighbors in Need (NIN) Fund and can obligate additional monies for a homeless services purpose when funding is available. Together, the funds available during any given year are combined into a single grant process, the Homeless Service Grants, that funds projects beginning on October 1st and ending on September 30th of the following year.

FY23 Funding & Priorities

For Fiscal Year 2023, the total funding is \$375,000.

The City, in support of Our Path Home, is soliciting project applications for FY23 for these funds. The call for applications outlines Our Path Home's funding, prioritizing those experiencing literal homelessness and generally includes:

- Direct financial assistance and/or case management to households experiencing homelessness
- Targeted homeless prevention to serve people at high risk of eviction and homelessness

FY23 Application Process

The Our Path Home Executive Committee (OPH EC) oversees the grant making processes and makes a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council regarding the expenditure of funds. For the FY 2023 Homeless Services Grants the OPH EC designated the grant making process work to a grant review team composed of different community stakeholders connected to ending homelessness and staffed by the Our Path Home staff. The grant review team will set up the process, review the applications and provide a recommendation to the OPH EC.

The OPH EC will review and determine a final funding recommendation that will be sent to the Mayor and Council for final review and approval.

FY23 Grant Application Timeline

- June 13, 2022 - OPH EC confirms funding priorities and direction on grant review team membership
- July 11, 2022 - Final application report back
- [July 18, 2022 - Open Applications](#)
- August 15, 2022 - Close Applications
- September 2, 2022 - Grant Review Team Scoring & Recommendation
- September 12, 2022 - Our Path Home Executive Committee Recommendation determines funding recommendations
- September 27, 2022 - Council Review (consent agenda)
- October 1, 2022 - Grantees can begin requesting reimbursement for eligible activities

Grantee Requirements

Grantees must implement eligible activities that:

- Serve residents of the City of Boise
- Serve households with an income of 80% or below AMI, as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Grantees must comply with all applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements in 24 CFR 5.105(a). In addition, grantees must make rental assistance and services available to all on a nondiscriminatory basis and ensure that all Boise City residents have equal access to information about the program and services available and equal access to the financial assistance and services provided.

Grantees are required to affirmatively further fair housing for the protected classes: race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and familial status. Examples of affirmatively furthering fair housing include:

- Marketing the program to all eligible persons, including persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency
- Making buildings and communications that facilitate applications and service delivery accessible to persons with disabilities
- Providing fair housing counseling services or referrals to fair housing agencies
- Informing program participants of how to file a housing discrimination complaint
- Recruiting landlords in areas that expand housing choice

Grantees will be asked to attest for the following and be required to present evidence of these during monitoring:

- Fair housing and civil rights documentation
- Financial policies and procedures

- Staff that have attended training on Fair Housing Law in the past 12 months
- A Language Assistance Plan
- Vital documents translated in other languages
- Physical locations that are ADA accessible
- Separation of duties for accounting