

THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF
DEVELOPMENT

Elevate! 2.0

City of Columbus
Department of Development

Notice of Funding Availability

Proposal due date and time: Friday, November 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Virtual applicant orientation: October 19, 2022 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Webinar registration:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZluduyspzspGNbvUJ45HKODz6rbJKkayXeC>

Elevate! 2.0

The City of Columbus, Department of Development is pleased to announce the availability of \$5 million in general revenue grant funding. **Elevate! 2.0** is intended to connect 501(c)(3) nonprofit, human service organizations with resources to strengthen their organizational capacity, stabilize their organizations, and further their work. **Elevate! 2.0** closely aligns with Mayor Andrew J. Ginther's Opportunity Rising initiative which names 21 aspirations that the Mayor has for every Columbus resident. Elevate 2.0 will focus on 9 of the 21 Opportunity Rising aspirations. Click here <https://youtu.be/n9XIkUSlx8> to view the Opportunity Rising video.

Applicant organizations must be **currently** serving Columbus and Franklin County residents in one of the following focus areas: homelessness, housing stability, financial security, workforce development, infant vitality, chronic disease prevention, violence elimination, re-entry, and neighborhood building. **Elevate! 2.0** funding is **not** intended for new programs or initiatives, rather, the City of Columbus wishes to support and strengthen nonprofit organizations' ability to fulfill their mission, instead of supporting specific programs or projects. Organizations that have already received Elevate! funding in 2022 are ineligible to apply for **Elevate! 2.0**.

The City has partnered with the United Way of Central Ohio (UWCO) to provide an online proposal submission process. **All documents must be submitted through UWCO's portal, e-CImpact.** The application link to submit the proposal is provided here: <https://agency.e-cimpact.com/login.aspx?org=37145F>. The application is available from October 17, 2022 to November 4, 2022. **The deadline for Elevate! 2.0 proposal submission is November 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** **Only one (1) proposal per organization will be accepted. Late submissions will not be accepted.** **Elevate! 2.0** will provide funding from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with the possibility of two (2) additional years.

For questions related to **Elevate! 2.0**, please contact Dayna McCrary at 614.645.0663 or DRMcCrary@Columbus.gov.

Applicant Eligibility

Agencies must meet and check all of the following thresholds in order to be eligible for funding consideration.

- This Agency is **not** a previous recipient of Elevate! funding.
- This Agency is in good standing with the federal Internal Revenue Service.
- This Agency qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- This Agency is in compliance with the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office.
- This Funding Request is not supplanting other awarded federal funds.
- This Agency agrees to ensure no duplication of efforts for budgeted items, and that funds are used appropriately.
- This Agency agrees to the following statement for the provision of services: *"To provide services without regard to race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity & expression, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, familial status or socio-economic status; and agrees to maintain a commitment to cultural competence and ongoing development of cultural competence capabilities of staff and organization."*
- This Agency is registered (or in the process of registering) in Sam.gov: https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei*
- This Agency is registered (or in the process of registering) with the City of Columbus Vendor Services. *There is a two year compliance registration that must be renewed every two years. We cannot establish agreements or make payments without a current and accurate Vendor Registration.*

Also, be sure that the address you use in City Vendor Services is the SAME address you want as a Remittance Address for payments (checks) Link to City of Columbus Vendor Services:

<https://www.columbus.gov/finance/purchasing-office/About-Vendor-Services/>

Opportunity Rising



21 COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS

- “Rays” stated as aspirations for every member of our community
- Elicits understanding of how inequity is experienced by Columbus residents
- Stated simply, not in terms of policy
- Intentionally intersectional, crossing city departments and fostering innovation
- Requires collaboration with community partners to be fully realized

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Elevate 2.0 will increase the organizational capacity of human service agencies, and build upon Elevate! with the addition of six focus areas that are aligned with [Opportunity Rising](#). Organizations must select one (1) focus area from the nine areas listed below. The examples included below are intended to illustrate potential types of support; however, the examples provided are not exhaustive.

Economic Stability

Homelessness: working to assure that every resident is stably housed. For example, assisting Columbus residents who are living on the land with housing and related supports.

Increasing Financial Security: working to assure that every Columbus resident achieves and maintains financial security. For example, working to assist residents and non-profit organizations in connecting with the Columbus Financial Empowerment Center. Funding is not intended to duplicate the financial counseling services currently offered by the Columbus Financial Empowerment Center.

Workforce Development: working to assure that every Columbus resident is prepared to enter and advance in the workplace.

Housing Stability: working to assure that no resident pays more than 30% of their monthly income to live in the neighborhood of their choice.

Safe and Resilient Communities

Violence Elimination: working to assure that every resident lives in a neighborhood that is free of violent crime. For example, reaching residents who are engaged in violence with strategies such as mediation and mentoring. Organizations which received City of Columbus funding under the gun violence reduction and youth categories must be willing to serve as referrals for other City funded youth intervention programs.

Re-entry: working to assure that justice involved residents are ready to contribute to, and are accepted by the community. For example, providing employment or housing opportunities and supports for returning, justice involved individuals.

Neighborhood Building: working to assure that every neighborhood has the infrastructure, greenspace, and programs to support safe and healthy living. Examples include supporting residents through: community gardens, leadership development, beautification and crime prevention initiatives.

Health and Well-Being

Infant Vitality: working to ensure that every baby reaches his or her first birthday. Examples include: efforts to reduce premature births, eliminate sleep related deaths and connecting disconnected moms and dads to relationships and services.

Chronic Disease Prevention: working to assure that healthy choices are easy for everyone to access and afford. For example, connecting residents with healthy food choices, nutrition education, medications, or other health care.

Elevate 2.0 Application Questions

1. The organization has been in operation for at least one year. Yes No

2. Does the applicant organization operate with a Fiscal Agent? Yes No
If yes, who is the Fiscal Agent? Please provide Email Address, Phone Number, and Postal Address

3. Please select a **single focus area** from the drop down menu in which your organization is currently making an impact: homelessness, housing stability, financial security, workforce development, infant vitality, chronic disease prevention, violence elimination, re-entry, or neighborhood building.

4. Please describe the organization's mission, values, and goals as they relate to the selected focus area. (4,000 character maximum)

5. Number of years the applicant organization been involved/working in the selected focus area _____

6. Please describe the organization's current programming in the selected focus area. For example:
 - "We operate a program called, 'Housing Immigrants,' that placed 84 families in stable housing over the last two years."
 - "47% of our clients are refugees, and although we do not house them ourselves, we directly partner with three housing providers to secure stable housing for them."
 - We work with parents/guardians of newborn babies to provide safe parenting education, free diapers and wipes, free safe sleeping equipment (fixed and portable cribs), and connection to parenting resources. (2,000 character maximum)

7. Please describe the organization's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion as they relate to the selected focus area. (2,000 character maximum)

8. Is the applicant organization's FY 2022 Approved Budget (Select one):
 - Less than \$500,000**
 - \$500,000 to \$1,000,000**
 - More than \$1,000,000**

The size of the applicant organization's 2022 Board Approved Budget determines the amount of funding your organization may request. Please request a funding amount that aligns with the 2022 Board Approved Budget.

If FY 2022 Approved Budget is **less than \$500,000**, please select **one** of the following funding requests:

\$10,000 **\$15,000** **\$20,000** **\$25,000** **\$50,000**

If FY 2022 Approved Budget is **\$500,000 to \$1,000,000**, please select **one** of the following funding requests:

\$25,000 **\$50,000** **\$75,000** **\$100,000**

If FY 2022 Approved Budget is **more than \$1,000,000**, please select **one** of the following funding requests:

\$50,000 **\$75,000** **\$100,000** **\$150,000**

9. Please describe how the applicant organization will use funds to build its capacity*.
(2,000 character maximum)

10. How will increased capacity improve the applicant agency's ability to improve service delivery in the selected focus area? (400 words maximum)

Documents to upload in PDF Format:

- IRS Form 990
- IRS Form W-9
- IRS Determination Letter
- Current Certificate of Registration from the Ohio Attorney General's Office
- Board Approved FY2022 Operating Budget

Documents to upload in Excel Format:

- Please list the names, titles, gender expression, racial/ethnic identity of the applicant organization's Leadership Staff.
- Please list the names, titles, gender expression, racial/ethnic identity, place of business/affiliations of the applicant organization's Board of Directors.

***What is Organizational Capacity?** Organizational capacity is a nonprofit organization's ability to oversee ongoing business, operational and improvement activities including, but not limited to:

- Setting and implementing administrative policies.
- Hiring, retaining and managing personnel.
- Obtaining funding.
- Supervising program and fiscal operations.
- Technology.
- Strategic/long term planning.