City of West Hollywood
Social Services Division
Agency Development Request for Proposal

Only social service agencies currently contracted with the City of West Hollywood may apply.

Due close of business day on November 9, 2017
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AGENCY DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATION NARRATIVE

The City of West Hollywood supports agency development for social service agencies by increasing their capacity to deliver quality programming to community members. Capacity building can enhance an organization's infrastructure and aid in developing long-term solutions to obstacles.

Social service agencies that are currently contracted with the City of West Hollywood may apply for funds of up to $10,000 to strengthen key areas within the organization. These areas can include: leadership, board and staff development, grant acquisition, strategic planning and communications.

Expenditures can include but are not limited to the costs of consultants, in-person and online training, and instructional materials. Currently funded programs that are housed in an agency with multiple West Hollywood contracts may apply for agency development.

Agencies may not apply for funds to create new programs, expand upon existing programming, or hire personnel. Other restrictions include purchasing equipment, software licenses, memberships and long-distance travel. An agency must seek an outside contractor or consultant and cannot use funds to compensate internal staff.

Please develop a proposal that explains the request in a narrative of two pages or less and include the following information:

1. Identify the obstacle(s) that capacity building aims to address.
2. Detail the proposed activities that will strengthen key areas within the organization.
3. Explain how this funding will create long-term solutions.
4. Describe how service delivery will be enhanced for West Hollywood* clients.
5. Determine the timeline to complete the objective.

The following items are mandatory supplemental materials that must be included in your application packet:

1. A completed APPLICATION COVER PAGE with signatures.
2. A BUDGET that includes a detailed breakdown of costs.

Applications are due by close of business day on November 9, 2017. Applicants will be notified by December 1 and funds will be dispersed in December.

All proposals will be evaluated based on the narrative and supplemental materials and full funding of the proposal is not guaranteed. If granted, agency development funds must be spent by the end of the contract year, September 30, 2018.

For additional information, please refer to the examples page included in this packet. If you have questions that are not answered in this application, please contact Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, at dmurray@weho.org or 323-848-6478.

*West Hollywood affiliation is comprised of persons who live, work, spend a majority of time homeless, or attend school in West Hollywood.
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COVER PAGE

Please complete this sheet and attach it to the narrative. Agencies can mail, e-mail, or hand deliver the proposal and it must be received by November 9 to be considered. **Maximum grant amount is $10,000.**

Organization Name:

Applicant's Name:

Program:

Amount Requested:

Address:

Phone: E-mail:

Total Staff or Board Members Participating:

Please indicate the fiscal contact person and their address

Name:

Address:

Phone: E-mail:

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Applicant Signature  Executive Director Signature

Deadline: Thursday, November 9, 2017
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There are numerous ways an organization can utilize agency development funds to increase capacity. The following examples demonstrate how funds can be used and it is not an exhaustive list:

- Organize a program planning session to outline specific goals, objectives, and activities that will aid in achieving the outcome objective of the West Hollywood program.

- Train program staff on how to effectively communicate with underserved West Hollywood populations.

- Teach staff how to use technology and analytic tools to promote the West Hollywood program.

- Hire a consultant to assist the Board of Directors conduct long-term strategic planning.

Agencies are restricted in purchasing equipment, licenses, software and long-distance travel. Other restrictions include applying for new programs or expanding upon existing programming. Examples of ways that expenditures **CANNOT** be used are as follows:

- Hire temporary staff in order to increase capacity in an underperforming service category.

- Purchase a fundraising database to track donors and send solicitation letters.

- Send the Board of Directors to Seattle to attend a conference on leadership and development.