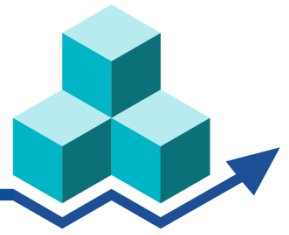




COOK COUNTY STARTING BLOCK GRANTS



Building Capacity, Supporting Growth

Overview

The Cook County Starting Block Grant initiative provides capacity building resources to small, community-based nonprofit organizations serving Cook County residents. Grants will support organizations with annual budgets of \$1 million or less, looking to build internal capacity and develop their infrastructure to promote organizational health, growth, and sustainability.

How are these grants different?

Starting Block Grants go beyond traditional grants for organizations to deliver programs/services to clients, allowing them to focus on strengthening how they run.

What types of support do these grants provide?

Starting Block Grants allow organizations to focus on developing as an organization, building capacity in leadership and management, and addressing a wide variety of technical needs including accounting, data management, staff training, strategic planning and more.



What types of community organizations should apply?

Starting Block Grants are for organizations focused on: Arts and Culture, Community & Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, Housing, Human Services, Transportation, Violence Prevention and other sectors that support residents and communities.



Details

Timeline

- [August 7, 2023](#) – Application released
- [August 16, 2023](#) – Virtual Presubmittal Conference
- [August 23, 2023](#) – Application link opens
- [September 8, 2023](#) – Application period closes for 2023

Funding

- Organizations can receive up to \$100,000 over 2 years
- Up to \$5 million will be awarded in 2023 with a second grant award cycle planned for 2024

Eligibility

- Recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Annual operating budget at or under \$1 million
- Headquartered and serving residents in Cook County
- 3 years of experience working at the community level

Questions

- Visit CookCountyIL.gov/JACGrants
- Contact JAC.Info@CookCountyIL.gov

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Strong healthy organizations help build strong and healthy communities. Together we can build a better Cook County!