BRIDGETON LANDFILL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUND

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A component fund of the St. Louis Community Foundation

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

BIDDERS' CONFERENCE



TODAY'S PURPOSE

To ensure that potential applicants for the Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund's mental health and substance abuse services grants have the information that they need to put forward a strong grant application





TODAY'S AGENDA

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Fund Overview
- 3. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services RFP
- 4. Process for Applying
- 5. Questions and Answers
- 6. Closing Remarks





ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

St. Louis Community Foundation promotes and inspires charitable giving, nurtures a thriving region, and enriches the lives of all its people

- We are the bridge between community assets and community needs
- We connect donors to the causes that they care about
- We are St. Louis' hub of philanthropy





THE SETTLEMENT

- In 2013 The Missouri Department of Natural Resources filed a suit regarding the subsurface smoldering event (SSE) at the Bridgeton Landfill
- In June 2018 Republic Services and subsidiaries settled the lawsuit
- The settlement focused on control and monitoring of the SSE
- In addition, the settlement created a \$12.5 million community betterment fund called the Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund





THE FUND WILL BE USED FOR:

- Community betterment in the areas of
 - health
 - public safety
 - the environment
- Communities impacted by the SSE, with priority given to a four-mile radius from the Landfill
- 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations

Funds will be disbursed within four years





FOUR MILE RADIUS









THE FUND CANNOT BE USED FOR:

- Payments to individuals
- Acquisition of any property
- Support of any type of legal proceeding
- Reimbursement or payment for any past expenses, damages, or losses incurred by any person
- Any project or initiative created or funded by the State of Missouri





PROCESS FOR DETERMINING FUNDING INITIATIVES

- Gathered community input
 - Over 35 meetings with more than 70 people
 - Four focus groups with more than 20 organizations
 - Four Community Meetings
- Attended Just Moms community meetings
- Reviewed documents and studies
- Researched demographics
- Reviewed data from United Way and Children's Services Fund



SAMPLE OF MEETINGS

City of Bridgeton City of Maryland Heights City of St. Ann City of St. Charles **DePaul Hospital Greater St. Louis Labor Council Holy Spirit Parish Hussman Corporation Just Moms Metropolitan Sewer District** Missouri Coalition for the **Environment** Missouri Dept of Health & Human Services Missouri Dept of Natural Resources Missouri Foundation for Health

Missouri State Representative, District 70 **North County Incorporated Operation Food Search Pattonville Fire District** Pattonville School District Republic Services, Bridgeton Landfill St. Charles County Council St. Charles County Government St. Louis Area Foodbank St. Louis County Children's Services **Fund** St. Louis County Government St. Louis –Jefferson Solid Waste Dist **United Way of Greater St. Louis**

Westlake Community Action Group

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WHAT WE LEARNED

- The community is changing
- There is a high need for basic services
- This is a large employment center for people who live elsewhere
- There aren't many services in the St. Louis County side of the target area
- People here love their community





FUND FOCUS AREAS

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- Community Greening and Gardening
- Public Safety
- Access to Health Care
- Small Grants for Nonprofits in the Footprint





WITHIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- School-based mental health services
- Community-based mental health services
- Community Resource Portal
- Support services to navigate trauma, anxiety, and depression
- Substance abuse services





WHAT PEOPLE SAID

"Mental health struggles and intergenerational trauma are concerns for the area... what will the legacy be of the Landfill? Stress and trauma around this are real, the community is hurting"

"The number of students with socio/emotional trauma needs is at an all-time high... deep level of support needed for students and families... schools are overwhelmed"

"There's a lack of trust between the community and larger institutions... community members don't feel listened to and are losing trust... becoming more stressed and don't have ways and resources to deal with this"





PURPOSE OF THIS RFP

- Increased access to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for people living in and working within a four-mile radius of the Landfill.
 - Support services and counseling re trauma, anxiety, and depression
 - Chemical dependency services
 - Services for historically under-represented populations
- Collaborations that take advantage of the assets already in the community





WHO SHOULD APPLY

- Organizations and programs that are currently in place within the target area
- Organizations and programs that are currently in place elsewhere and may be expanded to the target area
- Organizations with programs or projects that will begin and finish within four years
- Organizations and programs that target people living and/or working within the target area
- Public entities other than Missouri State government will be considered





TYPES OF PROJECTS (NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST)

- School-based partnerships
- Crisis intervention
- Counseling and therapy
- Pastoral counseling
- Substance abuse prevention and intervention





USES OF THE FUND

- Program or project funding
- General operating support
- Capacity building

... if related to your work in this four-mile area

WILL NOT BE USED FOR

- Capital campaigns
- Individual persons requesting funds for services





GRANT SIZE

Estimate providing \$1.5 million for mental health & substance abuse services

- Consider grants of \$25,000 \$75,000 per year
- If you have a fantastic \$10,000 idea, don't inflate it to \$25,000
- Projects that require more than \$75,000,
 particularly collaboratives, are acceptable





APPLICATION

- Missouri Common Grant Application (CGA) 2.0
- Modifications
 - Geographic area please provide specific zip codes and towns served
 - Q2 added activity in the target area
 - Q13 added target area
 - Q17 recognition that this Fund is timelimited





APPLICATION - HINTS

- We want to see that you have an understanding of this community.
- If your project depends on partnerships with other organizations, please be specific re who those partners are
 - Letters of support will strengthen your application (attachment #3)
- DEI questions are important for this changing community





GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

- St. Louis Community Foundation Board Community Engagement Committee (3 - 6)
- Business Owner or Representative
- Public Sector Community Leader
- 2 or 3 Residents from the impacted area
- Another health funder
- Another environmental funder





TIMELINE

Date	Activity
February 26	Bidders' conference
Through April 12	Question and Answer period
April 12	Grant proposals due @ 5 pm
May 10	Grants announced





QUESTIONS?



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FINAL THOUGHTS

- We are deeply committed to using these funds to positively impact this community
- We are looking for partners in that commitment
- We are striving for transparency throughout the process
- We are available for questions between now and April 12 (and after)

Good luck!





THANK YOU!

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