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Planning Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Accelerator Initiative. This application is for a Planning Grant of \$10,000. Selected grantees will be assisted in developing an application for an Implementation Grant, which will provide up to \$140,000 in additional funding as well as access to coaching, training, and expertise to support leaders in strengthening their organization. Please complete this application in its entirety - you may edit your answers even after the survey has been submitted. Make sure to include up-to-date contact information so the Accelerator team can reach out to you with any questions about your submission. All applications are due on October 21, 2022.

If you have any issues or questions while completing this application, visit the Accelerator website at acceleratorinitiative.org to participate in a Virtual Front Porch session (Tuesdays from 9-10am and Thursdays from 12-1pm EDT) or email the Accelerator Team directly at accelerator@communitysolutionsinc.net.

1. Did you complete the Accelerator Initiative Interest Survey?

Yes

No

We're going to start by asking you some basic information about your organization.

2. Person completing application:

Name

Title or Role

Email Address

Phone Number

3. Please provide a link to your website and/or social media handles. If you do not have a website or social media accounts, enter "not applicable" or "N/A".

4. Are you a standalone entity or a program of a larger organization? (Multiple Choice)

- We're a standalone entity.
- We're a part of a larger organization.

If part of a larger organization, please indicate what organization:

5. How much did your program/organization spend on programs and services (operating budget) during the past 3 calendar years? ***If you are part of a larger organization, include the budget of that entity as well.***

2021:

2020:

2019:

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6. Please share your mission statement.
7. Briefly describe your organization/program(s). (Limit: 400 words)
8. Why are you interested in the Accelerator Initiative? (Limit: 200 words)

Target Populations

Target populations is the first of the three focus areas for the Accelerator Initiative. We are now going to ask you about the people you serve.

9. The Accelerator Initiative seeks to reach people who are not well-served by the current system. Please provide an estimate of people served in each of the following categories from July 2021 to June 2022.

Total served:

- Historically and systemically oppressed racial and ethnic groups (people of color):
- People who identify as LGBTQ+:
- People impacted by the criminal legal system:
- People who live in rural areas of the state:

10. If you served people of color, please provide estimates of the number served from July 2021 to June 2022 in each racial/ethnic group. If you did not serve people of color, please leave blank.

- American Indian or Alaska Native alone:
- Asian alone:
- Black or African American alone:
- White alone:
- Some Other Race alone:
- Two or More Races:
- Hispanic/Latinx of Any Race (can be included in the above categories as well):

11. What geographic area does your organization/program serve? Please explain what county/ies, city/ies, town(s) or neighborhoods your organization is serving.

Impact

Impact/contribution is the second of three focus areas for the Accelerator Initiative. We are now going to ask you about the ways in which your organization contributes to your community. In explaining the services provided, please note that we do not expect organizations to provide all services (health and wellness, behavioral health treatment services, and prevention and treatment services.)

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12. If applicable, describe how your organization provides health and wellness services (e.g., educational, recreational, and social activities designed to support mental health and/or reduce substance use)? If you do not provide these services, enter "not applicable" or "N/A". (Limit: 400 words)

13. If applicable, describe how your organization provides behavioral health treatment services (mental health and addiction recovery services provided by professional staff)? If you do not provide these services, enter "not applicable" or "N/A". (Limit: 400 words)

14. If applicable, describe how your organization reduces barriers to and/or increases engagement in prevention and treatment services (e.g., transportation support, childcare, housing, case management, translation services)? If you do not provide these services, enter "not applicable" or "N/A". (Limit: 400 words)

15. We are interested in knowing to what extent your board, staff, and key volunteers reflect the populations you serve. Key volunteers are defined as individuals that provide a significant contribution of time to the operation of the organization and are unpaid.

Please upload a document outlining the number of board members, staff, and key volunteers that fall into each of the target population groups.

- people of color
- people who identify as LGBTQ+
- people impacted by the criminal legal system
- people who live in rural areas of the state

An example table has been included below as a guide.

Role (Board, Staff, Volunteers)	Total	People of Color	LGBTQ+	CJ Impacted	Rural
Board	8	5	2	1	5
Staff	1	1	1	0	0
Volunteers	2	0	0	2	0

16. Describe your progress so far in realizing your mission. How do you know that you've contributed to the community in the ways you hoped to? (Limit: 200 words)

17. What sets your organization apart? What innovative or promising practices are you using? How are you ensuring that historically oppressed and under-resourced groups served by your organization feel embraced and supported? (Limit: 200 Words)

18. If your group has received any awards, shout outs, or media coverage, please describe and provide links to media or social media coverage where possible. (Limit: 200 words)

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19. Share a story or describe a time that your organization made a positive difference in the well-being of people in your community. (Limit: 200 words)

20. Describe how your work is community rooted. *How are you connected with residents and grassroots leaders in your community? In what ways does your organization show up for your community?* (Limit: 200 words)

Scale/Capacity

Scale/capacity is the last of three focus areas for the Accelerator Initiative. We are now going to ask you about what you envision for your organization's future.

21. About how much money has your organization raised so far in 2022?

22. How are your efforts currently funded? So far in 2022, what estimated percentage has come from the following sources?

Individual Contributors (%):

Grants (%):

Corporate (%):

Other - please specify (%):

23. Beyond funding, what are the greatest challenges/barriers to your work? (Limit: 200 words)

24. What is your dream for your organization in the next 2-3 years? What do you hope to gain or change about your organization or how you do your work that you think could be helped by participation in the Accelerator Initiative? (Limit: 200 words)

25. What support and resources do you think you would need to help you realize that dream? Are there skills, relationships, resources, or tools that would help move you closer to your dream for your organization? (Limit: 200 words)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. The Accelerator Team will reach out if there are any questions or required follow up prior to final scoring.