RAPID RESOURCE FUND 2022 GUIDELINES

The Rapid Resource Fund invests in short-term opportunities that have the potential to spark or contribute toward system-level change in service of Road Map Project goals.

Fund Overview

The Rapid Resource Fund, created in 2013, is supported by the Road Map Project Aligned Funders Group, a group of regionally-based funders investing in the education success of children, young adults and families in South King County and South Seattle. Seattle Foundation serves as the host of the Rapid Resource Fund – distributing grant awards, leading fundraising, and managing funder engagement. In 2019, Community Center for Education Results (CCER) began staffing the Rapid Resource Fund, including engaging with prospective applicants, communicating with grantees, and staffing the discussion of applications. CCER began playing this role to make connections for grantees across the Road Map Project region, and to help communicate the success of the funded efforts. In 2019, the Road Map Project Community Leadership Team (CLT) joined members of the Aligned Funders Group in the discussions of Rapid Resource Fund applications. Since then, members of the CLT have informed the guidelines, and they will continue to join members of the Aligned Funders Group in shaping the Fund and making funding decisions. For more information about the Fund and previous grantees, please visit https://roadmapproject.org/rapid-resource-fund/.

In 2022, the Rapid Resource Fund (RRF) will focus investments in small community-based projects led by and serving Black, Indigenous and people of color in our region. In response to community needs, this year the fund will continue to prioritize projects that support mental health, academic supports, or basic needs. Grants will be awarded up to $15,000.

Applicant Eligibility

- Grassroots organizing efforts or organizations with an annual operating fund of under $300,000 with tax exempt status* 501(c)(3) or 170(b)(1) or supported by a fiscal sponsor.
- Organizations led by and serving Black, Indigenous, and communities of color.
- Organizations** serving the Road Map Project Region (South King County and South Seattle).

* If a tax-exempt status or fiscal sponsorship is a barrier to completing an application, please contact rapidresource@ccedresults.org.

** Eligible organizations that previously received a RRF grant can apply, however a specific request or project can only be supported once with a RRF grant.

Grant Criteria

- Connection to or alignment with the Road Map Project's mission <u>to support every child and young person in our region (in particular, children furthest from educational justice) to thrive in their education, communities, and life.</u>
- Projects prioritizing mental health wellness, academic support, or basic needs for youth (and/or led by youth) Examples could include:
    - *A project that provides art opportunities to youth as a means of culturally responsive mental health intervention.*
    - *An organization hosts youth mental health support groups.*
    - *An organization hosts events/workshops that provide academic support for students during school reopening and provide postsecondary readiness.*
    - *An organization provides a summer learning program for students.*
    - *A youth-led and operated project hosts community food bank event(s).*
- Projects led by and serving Black, Indigenous, and communities of color.

Submission Steps and Dates

We will host two info sessions for prospective applicants - sign up to attend below:

April 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

April 18, 2022 at 12 p.m.

If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to reach out to CCER at rapidresource@ccedresults.org with a summary of your proposed project prior to submitting a proposal so that we can better ensure proposed projects align with the 2022 Fund guidelines. **Please submit your application to rapidresource@ccedresults.org**. The submission date for applications in 2022 is **May 2, 2022 at 11:59 p.m**.

Reporting Guidelines

The Rapid Resource Fund does not require written project reports; however, CCER will host opportunities for grantees to gather and share their impact. CCER will offer grantees support in documenting and communicating the impact of their work more broadly. Additionally, CCER will check in with grantees at the midpoint and end of the project and offer connections to related efforts in the Road Map Project region.

Road Map Project Rapid Resource Fund 2022 Application

Organizational Information:

Legal name of organization: [   ]

Fiscal sponsor (if applicable): [   ]

Primary contact: [   ]

Phone: [   ]

Email: [   ]

Website (if applicable): [   ]

Grant Request:

Name of project/effort: [   ]

Population served by project/effort: [   ]

Location served: [   ]

Timeline: [   ]

Amount requested (can be up to $15,000): [   ]

Budget:

Please check if it applies.

☐ We have an annual operating budget of under $300,000.

☐ We are led by Black, Indigenous, and/or People of color.

☐ We serve Black, Indigenous, and/or People of color.

Describe expected use of grant dollars:

[   ]

List other funders supporting this project/effort (if applicable):

[   ]

Application Contents

Proposal Narrative should not exceed 2 pages (single-spaced) not including the cover page and include the following:

1. *Applicant Information*

   ▪ Provide a brief background about your organization. *(This could include your dreams, mission, vision, and/or and guiding values.)*
   ▪ How is your organization engaging the community through relationship building? Provide an example of how your organization reflects and engages the community it serves.

2. *Project Significance*

   ▪ Describe how the proposed request supports the leadership and/or mobilization of youth, parents and/or families.
   ▪ Describe how the proposed request supports meeting community needs relating to mental health supports, academic support, or basic needs?

3. *Project Activities*

   ▪ Describe the proposed activities and achievable outcomes by the end of one year; please include how you will know the results are achieved.
   ▪ Describe any key partner organizations and their role in achieving the results listed above.