

Community Partnership Outreach Grants for Non-Profit Organizations – 2023 Round, Phase II

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can one find information about the Phase I awards?

- Phase I awardees, as well as other past rounds of awardees, will be indicated at www.ladwp.com/np.

How is Phase II different than Phase I?

- Phase II offers outreach grants by special categories with a wide range of topics, while Phase I offered energy efficiency and water conservation outreach grants primarily by certain geographies such as Los Angeles City Council Districts.

Is there a Peer Facilitator grant in Phase II?

- No, the selected Peer Facilitator from Phase I will also provide support for Phase II grantees.

Can an organization apply to more than one category?

- Yes, please fill out a separate application for each category to which you apply.

If an organization won a grant in Phase I, can an organization apply again in Phase II?

- Yes, again please fill out a separate application for each category to which you apply.

Do you fund organizations that are fiscally sponsored?

- Yes.

What if my organization does not meet the City of Los Angeles location criteria (i.e., we're located in an L.A. County unincorporated area)?

- You may consider partnering with a primary applicant who meets the criteria.

Do program proposals have to stay within a certain council district for this grant?

- No, program proposals can focus on any area within the City of Los Angeles. Please follow the instructions on Item #4 in the application.

What information should an application include to describe the geographic area to be addressed?¹

- You may provide a description using neighborhood names and street boundaries or a clearly marked map. If you are applying for the Underrepresented Program Area category, describe how the CalEnviroScreen interactive map intersects with your targeted areas. Remember to not go outside of the City of Los Angeles.

Must the applicant have prior experience with the subject matter of the category to which they apply?

- No, competitive applications will feature strong: reach, activities, and behavior changing impacts.

For the Underrepresented Program Area grants, is direct service/assistance required?

- No, however, featuring direct assistance in enrolling customers in various LADWP programs can make an application more competitive.

Can we leverage LADWP program information with our current outreach on other topics?

- Yes, many effective past awarded projects have taken this approach.

If a proposal includes door-to-door outreach to residents, do you have address-specific lists of residents who have been previously reached out to increase success rate?

- No, we are unable to offer a list of previously reached customers.

Is there a word limit for questions or a page limit for applications?

- No, however, please make applications concise and to the point. If you provide any external links, please briefly describe in your application the content being linked to.

Do we need letters of recommendation?

- No, please do not submit letters of recommendation, only submit the materials requested on the application form.

Can you review my application before I submit it?

- We cannot evaluate your application during the solicitation period (now). We can more generally confirm that the activities you propose are consistent with the program requirements.

For the Water Conservation grant, does “CA native garden education and implementation in disadvantaged communities” include commercial and residential customers?

- Yes, it can be either or both.

For the UPA grant, can the community hire be a CBO independent consultant or contractor who is from a DAC area?

- Yes, you may, but we strongly encourage community hiring proposals similar to promotores or other direct outreach programs. If you firmly believe that hiring an independent consultant or vendor aligns to this grant, you must clearly explain how the consultant or vendor’s scope of work is tied to: 1) building your organizational capacity for community hiring; and 2) directly supporting greater and more equitable access to LADWP programs and services.

When will winners be announced?

- We hope to notify awardees as soon as December.

-----Additional questions can be sent to nonprofitgrants@ladwp.com-----