



2022 American Rescue Plan: Services to Undocumented Immigrants

Submit Application to: CDDapplications@cityofmadison.com

Deadline: 12:00 pm CST (noon) January 28, 2022

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Please limit your proposal and responses to the spaces provided in this form. Any materials submitted in addition to this application form will not be considered in the evaluation of the proposal. Please *do not attempt to unlock or alter this form*. If you need assistance with this proposal or are unclear about how to respond to any questions listed below, please contact CDD staff at 266-6520

Agency Name:	African Center for Community Development	Amount Requested:	\$ 150,000
Title of Proposal:	Undocumented Immigrant Support		
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Is this Group a 501 (C) (3)?	Yes or No Yes	If no, applicant will need to secure a fiscal agent with 501 (C) (3) status.	
Name of Fiscal Agent (if Applicable):		Fiscal Agent Phone:	
Fiscal Agent Contact Person:		Fiscal Agent Email:	

Project Goal:

1. Please describe your proposal’s goal of supporting undocumented immigrant households as they deal with the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We propose to support undocumented African immigrants in a variety of ways that will enable them to meet daily living , immigration and employment needs. Because many undocumented African immigrants keep a low profile and don't engage with social assistance programs, despite being eligible, they fear that information will be shared with authorities and therefore risk deportation. They often rely on family and friends to help in difficult times but the pandemic has strained many in the community. ACCD plans to support undocumented African immigrant with legal fees associated with their immigration statuses, vocational education training, transportation needs for undocumented individuals and their children and for youth to participate in the Transition Cultural Literacy Program, job mentorship and protegee programs, English language learning in culturally competent setting, enrollment for healthcare, cost of prescription medications, grocery, and other ways to reduce their stress and improve their well being.

2. Please describe the demographics of the immigrant population(s) your organization serves. (e.g. age groups, ethnicity, economic status, holders, , specific income ranges, etc.).

ACCD targets its services to undocumented and documented African immigrants. Most of those we serve are 9-13 year olds in our elementary program, college bound students after high school in the 18-22 age bracket, and 23-80

year old adults, through our housing case management and small business mentoring programs . Over 90% of the African immigrants ACCD serves earn less than 50% AMI for Dane County. We serve immigrants from 27 African countries and can provide assistance in English, French, Swahili, Lingala, Kikongo, Tshiluba, Yoruba, Somali, Igbo, Hausa, Fula Zulu, Kinyarwanda and Pidgin English.

3. Describe how your project will address any formal and informal barriers that prevent undocumented immigrants from accessing needed services.

The barriers faced by undocumented individuals and their families include: the fear of deportation; the inability to understand and communicate in English; lack of understanding of the healthcare system and how to access services; and the fear to access government resources. Many still refuse to apply for Dane CORE 2.0 assistance for fear of ICE. By providing rental assistance directly to those individuals would address this barrier.

* Job Training: Many undocumented African immigrants were working in positions that were adversely hit by the pandemic like home and office cleaning, construction and woodwork, restaurants etc. We will partner with the Urban League and SCW Economic Development board to create culturally competent African job training programs helping undocumented immigrants get re-trained in a culturally competent African training

* Language barriers. Many of the programs that work with immigrants provide services in Spanish and/or Hmong but rarely do they provide translation into one of the languages spoken in Africa. We will provide translation services for community members speaking Swahili, Somali, Yoruba, Igbo, Hausa, Fula Zulu etc.

* Constantly relocating and short -stays. African undocumented immigrants tend to be on the move constantly due to the fear of deportation. This raises the prospect of homelessness as they move from one State to the other with the notion to avoid ICE. Assistance with legal fees to file required applications will help reduce this stress

* College bound African immigrant students who are undocumented face significant barriers in their attempts to further their education after their high school years. They do not have the financial resources to enroll, no scholarships or grants, and cannot access in-state tuition. Any amount that is made available to pay part of the tuition will go a long way in ameliorating this stress.

4. Describe the process your clients/participant will need to follow to receive assistance.

Preprocess:

- 1) Complete an informal interview to collect data that would be needed for City reporting. Since ACCD is seen as a trusted community organization, the hesitancy to complete a City application will be mitigated. This will allow us to track unidentifiable data for reporting purposes.

- 2) For those wanting to receive financial support: They will be required to submit copies of the bills they are looking to have paid and ACCD will pay them directly.

- 3) Undocumented African immigrants that are interested in training or retraining will be assisted to enroll in the relevant retraining programs or sessions. Payments for training will be paid directly to providers.

- 4) Outreach:

- a) ACCD will reach out to various Worshiping places and sanctuaries where undocumented African immigrants may congregate so as to encourage participation in this program.

- b) ACCD will partner with Dane County Immigration Support Department and other private immigration support networks within the African immigrant community to encourage participation of undocumented African immigrants.

- 5) For those that need health care and prescription medication assistance, ACCD will print out flyers showing where undocumented African immigrants can enroll and receive support. Qualified undocumented applicants will be reimbursed for the whole or a portion of their prescription medication on presentation of official receipts.

Staff:

5. Please briefly describe any relevant lived experience, as well as formal training, possessed by your staff, and how it will help make this project successful.

1) Most staff and volunteers are from the African community. One staff person who is not from the African community has worked with undocumented immigrants for over fifteen years connecting individuals and families to resources.

2) The staff at ACCD are the reason why our work with undocumented immigrants is successful. Many in the African immigrant community have rallied to help affected undocumented immigrants by reaching out to us on other people's behalf because we are seen as the organization that gets things done for Africans by Africans.

Timeline:

6. Describe the anticipated timeline for your proposal.

Program Start Date 06/01/2022	Program End Date 12/31/2024
Remember funds will be allocated by the second quarter of 2022, and are available until 12/31/24.	

7. Budget: Summarize your project budget by estimated costs for staff and participants.

BUDGET EXPENDITURES	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	AMOUNT OF CITY \$ REQUESTED
A. Personnel Costs		
Salaries/Wages (show detail below)	\$5,000	\$65,000
Fringe Benefits and Payroll Taxes	765	9,945
B. Estimated Program Costs		
Utility Bills		11,000
Internet Bill		4,800
House Supplies		1,000
Transportation		15,500
Job Training Assistance		25,000
Language Learners Assistance		13,500
Meal Programs		500
Telephone		3,000
Other (explain below):		755
TOTAL (A + B)		\$150,000

Other please explain:

Incidentals & Report writing \$755