



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

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| Agency Name: | RISE Wisconsin, Inc. | Amount Requested: | \$ 75,000 |
| Title of Proposal: | Undocumented Immigrant Wraparound Support Program | | |
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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.

RISE works with multiple children, families and adults that are undocumented or members of a mix status family. Early on in the COVID-19 pandemic our staff provided direct assistance for childcare payments, energy bills, food assistance, transportation, clothing, cleaning supplies, housing assistance, masks, education and support about COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and general support for all participants, including those who are undocumented immigrants. RISE understands the challenges and barriers to resources that the undocumented population faces in our community, and on a cases by case basis, has helped with immigration related costs like DACA applications, renewals, legal fees, transportation and/or cost for immigration related mental health evaluations for asylum cases. Unfortunately, the funding has been limited. Being awarded this grant will allow RISE staff to better meet the needs of those undocumented immigrant participants served by RISE and we will directly coordinate the types of assistance listed above. This will allow other organizations to concentrate their efforts and support to those undocumented immigrants in the community who may not be connected to formal services through organizations like RISE. This will mean that more undocumented individuals and families will be able to get assistance faster. We at RISE have the staff capacity, lived experience and knowledge to provide direct support to undocumented families and individuals.

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.).

RISE provides services for all age groups but primarily serves children, families, and young adults. Our programs span Dane County yet the majority of those served live within the City of Madison. Our Early Childhood Initiative (ECI) serves pregnant mothers and young families in 4 distinct Madison neighborhoods: Allied Drive, Leopold Road, Southwest Madison, and Northside Madison while our 2 other early childhood programs, Welcome Baby and Beyond and ParentChild +, serve young mothers and families throughout Madison. Additionally, our Respite Center and mental health wrap around programs provide services to young children and families throughout Madison.

Through these programs we serve mostly low-income young families and children ages 0-19 years old who are living at or below the poverty line. Most of the undocumented or mix status families we serve are Latinx with most participants immigrating from Mexico and Central America. We also provide services to immigrant families from South America, and from different countries in Africa and Southeast Asia.

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

At RISE we know that undocumented immigrants face many barriers accessing government funded programs and social services. Access to health care, appropriate language access, poor understanding of the system, legal issues, discrimination and racism are all examples of some of these barriers. Given our community-based focus and wraparound model of care, RISE has the staff experience and capacity to advocate for and connect families to services. Each of the program participants has a care coordinator or family support specialist that works directly with the family to determine what type of support they need. We have direct connections with other service providers and work in partnership with community organizations. By providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services to participants we are able to provide fast and direct services that have a positive impact on the welfare of undocumented children, families, and individuals in Madison. If we were granted these funds, undocumented individuals within our programs would not have to work with someone new and would benefit from the already established relationship with our program staff.

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

RISE has experience providing flexible funds to families and will utilize some of our existing processes to ensure that assistance is directed to families as quickly as possible without barriers. Working in collaboration with the program staff, each undocumented family or individual will have access to support funding to help them cope with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will give flexibility to the staff and the participant to determine the best use of these funds to meet their need within the program guidelines. Funding should be prioritized for food security, utility bills, childcare, transportation, unemployment assistance, mental health/health care, household supplies and other general assistance as determined by the situation of the family or individual.

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.

We at RISE work with the undocumented immigrant community on a regular basis throughout all programs, and many of our staff have direct knowledge and lived experience with being undocumented, DACA or a member of a mix status family. RISE employs Bilingual, Bicultural staff in all of our early childhood and Respite programs and in

most of our mental health programs. We provide ongoing training opportunities for our staff about Diveristy, Equity and Inclusion and have strong connections with multiple community organizations.

Timeline:

6. Describe the anticipated timeline for your proposal.

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| Program Start Date April 1, 2022 | Program End Date December 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 |
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| A. Personnel Costs | | |
| Salaries/Wages (show detail below) | \$5,394 | \$3,697 |
| Fringe Benefits and Payroll Taxes | 1,306 | 903 |
| B. Estimated Program Costs | | |
| Utility Bills | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Internet Bill | 1,875 | 1,875 |
| House Supplies | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Transportation | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Job Training Assistance | 2,900 | 2,900 |
| Language Learners Assistance | 0 | 0 |
| Meal Programs | 0 | 0 |
| Telephone | 1,875 | 1,875 |
| Other (explain below): | 41,250 | 41,250 |
| TOTAL (A + B) | \$77,100 | \$75,000 |

Other please explain:

Salaries/Wages: We anticipate program staff and administrative staff to incur time related to this program. Program staff would spend time completing the request form and gathering any supporting documentation and administrative staff would spend time processing the request to the program participants, grant tracking and grant administration (i.e. answering eligibility questions, obtaining gift cards specifically those from woman or minority owned businesses, answering program staff questions about the grant, etc.)

RISE will provide in-kind wages and benefits for the program staff to meet with the program participants and discuss their specific needs. The anticipated time for these individual meetings is included in the total program costs.

Other:

Based on RISE's experience providing services during the pandemic, in addition to the above program costs, we anticipate the need for the following services and supports:

Childcare: A direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic is an increased cost in childcare, an increased need because of possible school closures and with continued and highly contagious variants, access is more limited due to staff shortages. Many undocumented families are at a higher need of childcare because they may not have employment that is flexible that allows them to work virtually.

Unemployment assistance: One of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for undocumented individuals is the possibility of losing employment due to a positive COVID-19 diagnosis for the individual or other family members.

They may be working hourly or in jobs with no benefits like vacation or sick time, making them more vulnerable and at higher risk of contracting COVID-19 or not being able to take care of themselves or family members if they do.

General assistance: Because COVID-19 has affected the undocumented community of Madison in many ways it is important to address their needs with general assistance related to extended cases of COVID-19, medical bills due to no health insurance coverage, at home covid tests, transportation for testing, legal or medical appointments, educational materials, or other needs that a family or individual may need .