

**Goals for the 2019 Funding Process that Allocates Funds Beginning in 2020:
Neighborhood Center Support, Access to Resources, and
Programs Serving Elementary, Middle, and High School Aged Youth**

In recent years the City of Madison committed to values of equity, inclusion, social justice, diversity, and respect for the dignity of all people. In line with this, the City of Madison's mission is to support and collaborate with residents, neighborhoods and other community stakeholders in efforts to identify and address needs, and to help overcome barriers to opportunity. The funding process plan for 2019, that will allocate funds beginning in 2020, will be refocused to align with the City's mission and will:

- Focus on allocating resources in the following areas to impact low income households and communities: elementary, middle school, and high school programming, and increasing access to programming, community services, and community spaces.
- Be transparent, responsive, and incorporate meaningful community engagement and feedback.
- Proceed with conscious consideration of equity, examining how communities of color and low-income populations will be affected by funding decisions.

Specific Goals for RFP Planning and Implementation:

1. Provide opportunities for input from the mayor, council, committees, service providers, and the community. Input will be gathered using multiple methods and venues.
2. Establish clear and consistent rationale and expectations for center support funding.
3. Identify and refine expectations for funded programs (Access to Resources and programs serving Elementary, Middle, and High School aged youth).
4. Utilize data about the community in making allocation decisions.
5. Simplify and streamline application and contracting processes.