

## Services for Elderly iFund 2020 Grant Application Guidelines and Information

### DEADLINES

**Monday, September 7, 2020:** Last day to register for Grant Information Meeting

**Monday, September 14, 2020, 3 p.m.:** Grant Information Meeting on Zoom

**Thursday, October 1, 2020:** Last day to publish Give*Smart*OKC profile and request online access to application

**Monday, October 12, 2020:** Grant application deadline

All deadlines are by 5:00 pm of the day listed above. No exceptions.

The Services for Elderly iFund program was designed to support organizations that provide direct services to the elderly (65+ years). ***This grant cycle will place a priority on services that increase or enhance safer, in-person connection. Innovative approaches to in-person connection are highly encouraged.***

There will be funding preference for the following:

- Support independent living: Programming that provides services which enable seniors to live independently, outside of institutional settings.
- Wellness services: Programming that provides wellness and physical activity opportunities that encourage improved health for seniors, specifically seniors who are living independently.
- Social and recreational services: Programming that provides social and recreational opportunities for seniors who are otherwise isolated or unable to participate in community programs.

Additional funding priorities include:

- Programs that leverage other resources and demonstrate collaboration between two or more organizations
- Innovative approaches to test, pilot, or demonstrate effectiveness of safer, in-person connection

Programs may be new or expanding to a new population, geographic area, or service offering. Previous grantees may reapply for additional funding if the program successfully achieved its goals.

Grants will be awarded in the range of \$500 to \$20K. No grants will be made for capital campaigns, fund-raising events, research projects, vehicle purchases, clinical equipment, or facility construction. Support for administrative needs such as occupancy, communications, computer equipment, and overhead are rarely funded. Funding for personal protective equipment (PPE) or other supports to encourage safer in-person connection are allowed.

### Grant Requirements

- For grant requests the organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with an updated and published GiveSmartOKC profile. For small direct service programs, a waiver may be granted.
- Programs must provide direct services in central Oklahoma; the Board of Directors must be located in central Oklahoma
- Programs must not be limited by residency, membership, or association with a particular institution

## **Application Process**

In order to streamline the online application process, applicants are required to have an updated and published GiveSmartOKC profile prior to obtaining application access. For applicants that do not have a GiveSmartOKC profile or that have a question, please contact [givesmartokc@occf.org](mailto:givesmartokc@occf.org) or call Rachel Mouton at 405/606-2918. For small organizations, please contact program officer, Tracey Strader at [t.strader@occf.org](mailto:t.strader@occf.org)

**To receive access to apply through the online grants management system, please email the name and address of your organization to [ifund@occf.org](mailto:ifund@occf.org) no later than 5 p.m. on October 1, 2020.** Include a brief, one to three paragraph description of the proposed project and the target population. It is expected that city and state safety regulations will be followed. To ensure the proposed program is within the scope of the Services for Elderly iFund requirements, please review the eligibility parameters listed above. If approved, you will receive an email including an access code and web address for the online application.

The application will require a description of the specific program and services for which funding support is requested, documentation of need in the community, and a budget detailing how Oklahoma City Community Foundation funding will be allocated. Selected organizational financial information will be required. Individuals completing an application must be a staff member or member of the governing board.

## **Information Meeting**

All interested applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an **informational meeting about the Services for Elderly iFund grant program at 3 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, via Zoom. Register for the meeting by Monday, September 7, 2020, at [iFundOKC.org](http://iFundOKC.org).**

## **Grant Deadline and Notification**

Deadline for submission of all grant application materials is by Friday, October 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The grant application will be reviewed by a committee of community members, and recommendations for approval will be submitted to the board of Trustees. Grantees will be notified of a decision by the end of November 2020.

## **Reporting**

Grantees will be required to submit a midway evaluation report and a final report via the online platform.

## **Questions & Clarifications**

Potential applicants are welcome to address questions or concerns by emailing [ifund@occf.org](mailto:ifund@occf.org) with the subject line "iFund Elderly Services" or by calling Tracey Strader at 405/606-2936. Replies will be provided in a timely manner during the work week (not including any holidays). Questions will not be answered after the deadline.