



STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor
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Award Process

ARPA Equitable Recovery Grant Program Updated July 21, 2023

Background

Governor Tony Evers has directed \$87,628,860.91 for the Equitable Recovery Grant Program to assist community-based organizations providing services or programming aimed at increasing equity and eliminating disparities in health, early childhood development, education, economic support, housing, and environmental justice in qualified census tracts or communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding for this assistance is provided to Wisconsin by the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. For more information regarding the Equitable Recovery Grant Program, including the grant applications, please visit the Program website: [DOA Equitable Recovery Program \(wi.gov\)](https://www.doa.wisconsin.gov/equitable-recovery-grant-program)

The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties information on the award processes for the Program as defined in the Grant Announcement, issued October 5, 2021. The Grant Announcement provided the following Method of Award governing allocation of funds:

Section 3.6 Method of Award. The State will compile the final review of each application (see Section 3.3). The State intends to make multiple awards. Awards will be based upon qualifying application(s). (*Source: Grant Announcement, p. 7*)

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Eligibility.

1. The program received 396 proposals prior to the application deadline of November 12, 2021, at 2:00PM CDT, each of which were reviewed for compliance with the grant announcement.
2. One hundred and eleven (111) proposals were disqualified due to applicant ineligibility (e.g. were not government operated or nonprofits or did not have the required status with the Department of Financial Institutions at the time of application).

Budget Adjustment and Awards.

1. There were 285 eligible applications received. The Program determined to fund applicants who scored 83 and above. Due to the large number of qualified applications the program expanded the original \$50,000,000 in funding available under this announcement to \$88,894,190.91.
2. After the award announcement, one awardee received alternative funding for the awarded project and a second declined the award, reducing the total funding to \$87,628,860.91.