



ONE WEST SIDE



Instructions

To be considered for this grant opportunity, please respond to the questions listed below. Our goal is to make this application as accessible as possible. With that in mind:

- For any question, if the most convenient way to respond is by sharing existing materials, please feel free to email an attachment to grants@abetterchicago.org and note "see attachment" in the response field.
- When crafting answers from scratch, feel free to keep them brief (2 paragraphs or less); however, there is no need to pare down longer answers if you're able to pull in existing content from other proposals or materials.
- If you have any questions or need support completing the application, please email grants@abetterchicago.org

Point of contact information

- Organization name
- Organization address
- Leader (executive director or equivalent name)
- Leader title
- Leader email
- Application contact person name (if different)
- Application contact phone
- If this proposal reflects a collaborative effort, please list partner organizations.

Organization overview

- Year founded
- Organization Type
 - 501c3 Non-profit (not a school)
 - School
 - For-profit
 - Other
- Name of fiscal sponsor, if applicable
- Organization type: if other, please describe
- Mission statement
- Focus areas (Select all that apply)
 - Early childhood education
 - PK-12 education
 - College access/success
 - Career preparation/access/success

- Social emotional learning
 - Trauma-informed mental health services
 - Essential needs (e.g., youth homelessness, food security)
 - Other
- Please specify “Essential needs” or “Other” selection, if relevant
- Neighborhood on Chicago’s West Side that you serve (select all that apply)
 - Austin
 - Belmont Cragin
 - East Garfield Park
 - Humboldt Park
 - Lower West Side
 - Near West Side
 - North Lawndale
 - South Lawndale
 - West Town
 - West Garfield Park
 - Other (please specify)
- Please specify specific target geographies (e.g., region, community area, neighborhood)
- Please confirm that you will be able to provide the following if invited to advance in A Better Chicago’s selection process OR explain why not.
 - As relevant, 501c3 determination letter of your organization
 - Financials: Most recent audited financial statements
 - Financials: Current year budget and actuals
 - A hi-resolution logo
- Please explain any boxes not checked above

Program details

- Provide a brief overview of your organization including its current scope, program model description and intended impact(s). What specific programming or services do you provide?
- In a few sentences, provide a brief description of your theory of action. In other words, the problem or opportunity, your approach, and what you aim to achieve. The following questions in this section will allow you to elaborate in more detail.
- Briefly explain the need that your organization/initiative is working to address. If relevant, please describe how the COVID-19 crisis is creating or exacerbating this need.
- Who are you seeking to support through this effort? As relevant, please share demographic characteristics (e.g., age, race), socio economic status, and geography (e.g., region or neighborhoods).
- What is the intended impact(s) of this effort? In other words, if successful, what will be true because of it? How will you assess short-term progress toward that intended impact?
- If you have collected evidence of impact to date (e.g., performance against intended outcomes), please share a brief description.
- How many youth do you currently serve?
- If known, what are your plans for future growth?
- What are your budgeted revenue and expenses for the current fiscal year?

- What were your actual revenue and expenses for the previous fiscal year, if applicable?

Other

- How did you learn about A Better Chicago's grant process? Please check all that apply and briefly describe below.
 - A Better Chicago communications
 - Current or former A Better Chicago grantee
 - Other organization or funder
 - Individual
 - Social media
 - News outlet (i.e., television, radio, print/online)
 - Other
- Brief description of how you learned about A Better Chicago
- If A Better Chicago shares information received through this process with other funders considering relief-focused grants, would you like us to include your application?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Not sure (Please explain in comment box below)
- If "not sure" was selected above, please explain