

A BETTER CHICAGO

A Better Chicago Grant Application

Instructions

To be considered for a grant from A Better Chicago, please respond to the questions listed below. Our goal is to make this application as accessible as possible. With that in mind, please feel free to submit using any of the following options:

- Via [Google form](#)
- Via email: Grants@abetterchicago.org
 - Written responses (in email body or attached)
 - Voice or video recording
 - Proposals or other materials developed for other funders

Note: When crafting answers from scratch, feel free to keep them brief (2-3 sentences each is a good guideline); however, there is no need to pare down longer answers if you're able to pull in existing content from other proposals or materials.

Applicant and contact information

- Organization name:
- Organization address:
- Leader (executive director or equivalent) name:
- Leader title:
- Leader email:
- Application contact person (if different):
- Application contact email (if different):
- Application contact phone:
- If this proposal reflects a collaborative effort, please list partner organizations:
- Is this proposal related to COVID-19 relief and/or recovery efforts? (Note: If so, application questions that follow provide space to provide more on this)

Organization overview

- Year founded:
- Mission statement:
- Focus area(s) (select all that apply):
 - Early childhood education
 - PK-12 education
 - College access/success
 - Career preparation/access/success
 - Social emotional learning/trauma
 - Basic needs (e.g., youth homelessness, food security) (please specify below)
 - Other (please specify below)

- Please specify “Basic needs” or “Other” selection, if relevant:
- Geography served (select all that apply):
 - Chicago (cook county)
 - Collar counties
 - Illinois: outside Chicago Metro
 - Outside Illinois
 - Please specify specific target geographies (e.g., region, community area, neighborhood), if relevant:

Program details

Need and target population

- 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 these efforts? As relevant, please share demographic characteristics (e.g., age, race), socio-economic status, and any program eligibility criteria.

Approach and potential impact

- Describe the program/initiative. What specific programming or services do you provide? If relevant, please describe how you are accommodating any programmatic limitations caused by COVID-19.
- What is the intended impact(s) of this work? In other words, if successful, what will be true because of it? How is short-term progress toward that intended impact measured?
- 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?

Financials

- 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

- Does your organization have either 501c3 status or a fiscal sponsor?
 - Name of fiscal sponsor, if applicable
- How did you learn about A Better Chicago? Please check all that apply and describe briefly below:
 - A Better Chicago communications
 - A Better Chicago Emergency Relief Fund
 - Other organization or funder
 - Individual
 - Social media
 - News outlet (i.e., television, radio, print/online)
 - Brief description of how you learned about A Better Chicago