

Victim Compensation Fund RFP Information Session

Thursday, April 18, 2024 | 10:30 am-12:00 pm



City of Seattle



Seattle
Office of Immigrant
and Refugee Affairs

Welcome and Logistics

- Please introduce yourself in the chat.
- We will be recording this session.
- We will be monitoring the chat for questions.
- If you have questions during the presentation, please use the chat function. During the Q&A, you may raise your hand, and we'll call on you to unmute and ask your question.



OIRA Introductions

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Agenda

- Welcome & Logistics
- RFP Background
- Request for Proposals Overview
- Submission Instructions
- Important Dates
- Questions & Answers Period



RFP Background

- This one-time fund is being established in response to the increase in hate crimes and targeted violence in low-income immigrant communities, and especially impacting Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities
- During listening sessions in 2023 with AAPI serving community organizations, participants amplified the need for resources to directly support the families and individuals with the financial toll of these violent incidents.



Funding Overview

- This fund intends to address the increase in incidences of violence and hate crimes impacting immigrant and refugee communities, especially AAPI communities, occurrences that have spiked since the start of the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020.
- This RFP is to identify organizations **that are already providing** services to AAPI communities in which these incidents have occurred. The cash assistance is for individuals who have been victims of violence that have had a significant financial impact on themselves or their families.



Funding Opportunity

- OIRA will make \$150,000 available to 3-5 community-based organizations that serve primarily AAPI immigrant and refugee community members who have been impacted by hate crimes or other forms of targeted violence. **Each organization will receive \$30,000-\$50,000.**
- OIRA will contract with community-based nonprofit organizations or partnerships that serve Seattle residents. The funding will primarily be used to provide direct cash assistance to individuals and their families. **The funds should be distributed by December 31, 2024.**



Eligible Service Activities

- Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:
 - Medical, counseling related expenses
 - Funeral/ burial
 - Relocation/housing support
 - Loss of wages
 - Property damage
 - Safety (purchase of items such as additional door locks, bars on windows)



Eligible Applicants

- Community-based 501(c)3 organizations or community-based organizations under fiscal sponsorship by a 501(c)3 entity.
- Eligible applicants must comply with applicable federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws and standards, including having nondiscrimination hiring practices in place.
- Further, the applicant shall not:
 - Require payment from participants for services provided
 - Require participants to participate in a religious service or activity as a condition of receiving services.



Application Questions

- Describe the community you intend to serve, including specific geographic area, racial and ethnic demographics, languages spoken, etc.
- Does your organization serve clients who have experienced violence or identity-based harm? Please describe. (We honor client privacy, so please describe in general terms.)
- What are your current programs or services for helping the community members who experience harm from violence or identity-based harm?
- Does your organization currently have a system for disbursing and recording/reporting cash assistance to clients? Please describe the system used.
- If you are establishing a new disbursement system, please describe how the new system will be managed



Submission Instructions

- Proposals are due to the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs by **5:00 PM (PT) on Monday, May 6, 2024.**
- Please submit one copy of the application, including the cover page and narrative.
- Completed applications should be sent to OIRARFP@seattle.gov.
- All electronic copies of the application narrative must be in PDF or other non-editable format.



Important Dates

Application questions received	Monday, April 22 nd
Application answers posted	Wednesday, April 24 th
Applications due	Monday, May 6 th
Application review	Tuesday, May 7 th – Friday, May 10 th
Funding decisions announced	Monday, May 13 th
Appeal deadline	Friday, May 17 th
Contracts start	Monday, May 20 th



Questions?

- Please raise your hand, and we'll call on you to unmute and ask your question.
- After this session:
 - Please contact OIRARFP@seattle.gov for any questions related to the application process.
 - Applicants may email questions **until April 22nd**.
 - OIRA will post ISAN RFP answers to all received questions about the program and other updates **by April 24th** to <https://welcoming.seattle.gov/oira-announces-immigrant-safety-access-network-rfps/>.

