

## **GUIDELINE AND APPLICATION CHANGES – JULY 2020 GRANT CYCLE**

People's United Community Foundation (PUCF) has made some modifications to its grant application and funding considerations in an effort to be more responsive to the needs and challenges of our communities during this time.

For our July 2020 open application period, PUCF is accepting program/project-specific requests, as well as requests for general operating support, from nonprofit organizations that meet our eligibility guidelines.

### **General Operating Request Guidelines:**

**General Operating grants will be limited to organizations that have previously received a grant** from PUCF and that meet our criteria. Before submitting a request for general operating support, we ask that you please consider the following questions:

1. Does the organization operate in any cities/states that are outside of the [geographical areas served](#) by People's United Community Foundation?
2. Does the organization utilize a parent/national tax ID number when applying?
3. Are any of the organization's program/service activities listed on People's United Community Foundation's list of [ineligible activities](#)?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, we ask that you please submit a program/project request, and do not apply for general operating support. Our goal is to be as flexible as possible, while also ensuring that requests align with our focus areas, and that our funding support continues to be allocated within the communities we serve.

### **Application Questions:**

PUCF made a few changes and additions to the questions in our grant application. This information will help us better understand the impact of COVID-19 on our communities and the disparities that exist for marginalized groups.

Questions will include additional demographic data on the populations that you serve. This information will assist us in deepening our impact on underserved populations and advancing racial equity, and how we can better work with our nonprofit partners to achieve a common goal.

We will also be asking about your current and/or future work in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Please know that this question is optional and there are no "correct" answers, as every organization's work in the areas of DEI are different. It is up to each organization to identify what DEI means to them within their organizational and community-based context. Answers to these questions will not affect the outcome of our decisions.

## **Reporting Requirements:**

### ***Progress Updates***

**For Organizations that received a grant in November 2019** - PUCF understands the challenges that our nonprofit partners have encountered over the past four months due to the impact of the coronavirus on our communities. Therefore, if you received a grant in November 2019, please note that we cancelled the progress update requirements that were due in May 2020. We know that many of our grantees were forced to make changes in the delivery of its programs and services, which could have caused a disruption in your organization's ability to meet and/or report on its program outcomes.

**For Organizations that are applying during our July 2020 Grant Cycle** – If you are applying during our July 2020 grant cycle, we will still be asking for you to choose a minimum of three measured outcomes in your grant application. This is required for both program/project requests as well as those applying for general operating. Your organization will be asked to report on these outcomes at a later date, if a grant is awarded.

### ***Final Report***

If you received a grant at any time from PUCF, we would still like to know how the grant funding was utilized and the impact of the funding on your organization and those you serve.

Please submit a narrative final report by using the PUCF Final Report Template and adding it to your new grant request. The template is available on the "attachments" tab of the application.

### **Additional Information:**

Please do your best in determining the appropriate approach for your funding request (project or general operating) and answering the questions in our application. Should PUCF have any questions, a Foundation staff member will reach out to your organization for further information.

Thank you.