



FY2022 Fund Defined Grants

Q&A

Questions for FY2022 Fund Defined RFP

Can organizations that currently receive funding from the Senior Fund apply?

Yes, just be aware of how your request overlaps with other support from us if you already have committed funding continuing into our next fiscal year and make sure this is represented in your budget and budget narrative.

Should we ask for three years now or just one year and then request more later?

We are committing to multi-year funding from the start. If you intend to carry out services for St. Louis City older adults for the next three years AND you need support from the Senior Fund for three years to do this, then include a 3-year request now.

Can we ask for different amounts of funding each year or does it need to be the same amount?

You can ask for different amounts for different years; just explain how you have arrived at those amounts in your budget narrative and what is affecting the change in the request.

Is there an income restriction for older adults that can be served?

We do not dictate to organizations an income guideline. Each organization decides who they intend to serve and must provide an explanation in their proposal.

We suggest agencies refer to the Elder Economic Security Standard Index:

<https://elderindex.org>. This index estimates the annual income needed to meet basic needs. The index is a conservative estimate of need and does not include “extras” such as meals out, entertainment, gifts, or unplanned expenses. We support proposals that include residents who may not qualify for services because they have income above a guideline restriction determined by other funders and agencies but below a level that they can afford to pay for what they need.

Do organizations need to submit one budget and narrative for all three years or three individual budgets and narratives for three years?

The grant proposal budget spreadsheet includes separate tabs for each year. One narrative can be written to describe the intent of the funds with a breakdown of what is being requested for each year by line item.

If an organization is currently being supported by the Senior Fund with another grant which overlaps with this funding period (i.e., continues into FY2022), can they request additional funding for the same program?

They can request additional funding to continue the program for the time-period outside of the time currently being supported. Be clear in your budget narrative on the amount needed for expenses not currently being supported.

Questions from Previous Funding Rounds

Is there a page or character limit for this application?

There is no set page or character limit for this application. We recommend that you answer each question as completely as possible.

If we receive funding in a previous year, can we apply for funding in new focus areas?

Yes.

Is the budget timeline supposed to match the calendar year?

Unless otherwise stated in the request for proposals, the timeline typically aligns with our fiscal year which is July 1 through June 30. FY21 Grants: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. FY22 Grants: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. FY23 Grants: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Can we put our own experience with working with low income seniors in the application under the description of community needs?

Yes. We welcome the information you can provide since you are the experts in your field.

Can we submit a draft application?

No, but you can schedule time to meet via computer or phone with our team to discuss questions you may have regarding your application at least a week prior to the application deadline.

Will the Senior Fund pay for in-home services?

We do not pay for in-home health care services, but some programs we support are provided within a person's home, including homemaker chore services. Homemaker chore services consist of services that assist with Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL's).

What are the income guidelines for client eligibility?

It's based on YOUR program's policy. If you would like additional resources for considering income guidelines, we often refer to the Elder Economic Security Standard Index. This index estimates the annual income needed to meet basic needs. The index is a conservative estimate of need and does not include "extras" such as meals out, entertainment, gifts, or unplanned expenses.

Is there a limit on the funds that you can spend per person?

It is based on your organization's policy for your program and the type of services you are providing as to what spending limits you set per person. We will look for an explanation in your application and budget narrative as to how you arrived at estimated spending amounts.

Questions & Feedback

We encourage prospective applicants to contact us at info@stlseniorfund.org or (314) 535-6964, Ext 24 with any questions. We will provide prompt responses to all inquiries within and outside of our grant process.

You can also reach out to Senior Fund staff directly:

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Applicants are welcome to schedule individual consultations with Senior Fund staff. You can schedule a meeting via the “Schedule a Meeting” link on our website: <https://stlseniorfund.org/contact>.