

WELCOME!

WNY COVID-19 Community Response Fund Build Back Better (B3) Initiative Request for Ideas (RFI)

Friday, June 26, 2020, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Welcome! A few notes:

- For technical issues, please contact Matt (mattv@cfgb.org | 315-418-5404) or Brendan (brendanh@cfgb.org | 716-812-7589)
- A question and answer session will be held after the presentation. Questions can be submitted during the presentation through the Q&A tab in this webinar.



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Response Fund
Build Back Better (B3)**

Request for Ideas (RFI)

B3 INITIATIVE OVERVIEW

In response to COVID-19 and the persistent challenges to our human rights, the WNY COVID-19 Community Response Fund is moving to support the region's longer-term recovery, with a Build Back Better (B3) initiative.

The purpose of B3 is to support innovative solutions from and for the nonprofit sector as it strives to continue to serve the needs of this region.

B3 will focus on identifying and supporting innovative solutions developed by the nonprofit community in three phases:

- Phase 1 - Request for Ideas (RFI)
- Phase 2 - Planning or Piloting
- Phase 3 - Implementation and Change

RFI GUIDELINES

The RFI is intended to surface creative ideas and will:

- Describe an innovative approach to address systemic issues which impact the WNY community and which no one nonprofit, private, or public entity could solve independently.
- Address challenges that have arisen from, been exacerbated by, or are in response to the changed environment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The RFI is intended to surface creative ideas. Issue areas may include, but are not limited to: Food security, housing and homelessness, childcare, arts and culture, out of school time, behavioral health, community-based health, and eldercare support and services.
- The RFI is not intended to close immediate service gaps, address the needs of individual nonprofit organizations, or improve healthcare infrastructure.

RFI GUIDELINES

The RFI consists of brief answers to five questions:

1. Is this a planning grant request or a piloting grant request? Describe the challenge you seek to address, the people who will benefit and how, and the geographic scope of the concept.
2. Describe your innovative solution. How does this solution contribute to ensuring the longer-term resiliency of your services and those of your collaborators?
3. How is your organization and/or collaborative effort (nonprofit, private and/or public sector partners) positioned to facilitate this solution? (Describe assets such as length of relationships, strength of networks, insights, availability of data and capacity to analyze it.)
4. Identify partners who have committed to collaborating in the design and development of the solution you propose, including people affected by the issue you intend to address (Human-centered design principles. Some combination of cross-sector engagement—Public, private, nonprofit at minimum on planning team.)
5. What type (e.g., consulting, TA) and level (\$ amount) of support would you need to move forward with developing your idea from this concept into a full proposal?



B3 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Racial Equity
- Equity for Vulnerable Populations
- Regional Approach (Where Applicable)
- Alignment with Social Determinants of Health (Where Applicable)
- Trauma-Informed Care Principles
- Inclusion of Human-Centered Design
- Nonprofit-Led Collaboration (Some combination of cross-sector engagement—Public, private, nonprofit at minimum on planning team.)
- Leading to Systems Change
- Public Policy Component (Where Applicable)

B3 PHASES

PHASE 1

Request for Ideas (RFI)

RFI Announced. RFI responses reviewed and planning grant selections made in August.

June

- RFI application process opens Thursday, June 18, 2020.

July

- RFI application due Friday, July 31, 2020, at 3:00 PM.
 - Applications submitted via the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo portal.

August/September

- Planning/piloting grant decisions made by late August/early September.

PHASE 2

Planning or Piloting

Grants will be awarded to a selected group of concepts for planning or piloting innovation.

October

- Full-proposals due by the end of October—Date to be confirmed upon grant award.

PHASE 3

Implementation & Change

Selected plans or pilots from Phase 2 will be eligible for implementation grants based on available funding.

November/December

- Full proposals reviewed and implementation grants selected and awarded based on merit and funding capacity.

RFI SUBMISSION

RFI SUBMITTED VIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
FOR GREATER BUFFALO PORTAL

<http://www.grantinterface.com/sl/BmK8UQ>

**SUBMISSIONS DUE FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020 AT 3:00
PM**

For questions regarding the RFI application process,
please contact siraf@cfgb.org.



THANK YOU

Questions?