

External Agency Fund Grant Process

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External Agency Funds History

Prior to the merger of the city-county governments, each entity provided funding separately to non-profits. Upon merger, and becoming the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, a task force was formed to design the eligibility criteria and implementation of the External Agency Fund (EAF). Subsequently, five different Metro funding streams were made available to Jefferson County nonprofits to apply for grants. Available funding streams were identified as: Arts/Cultural Attractions, Business Associations, Housing/Community Development, Human Services and Youth. Due to budget limitations, and additional restructuring of Metro Departments and Divisions, the funding streams were reduced to two application sources beginning with FY 2010 - Human Services, including Office for Youth Development, and Arts/Cultural Attractions.

Resilience & Community Services current External Agency Fund (EAF) strategic goals focus on four key areas: decreasing homelessness; increasing financial stability; increasing youth, teen, and young adult engagement in quality programming; and, increasing access to services and resources for targeted populations.

Any changes/alterations/improvements to EAF processes are jointly decided by Council, RCS, and the EAF Team.

Strategic Goals

Resilience & Community Services

A Prism of Compassion and Hope

To fight poverty and promote compassion, stability, and the empowerment of residents and communities through the following focus areas:

- Decreasing homelessness
- Increasing household financial stability
- Increasing youth, teen and/or young adult engagement in quality programming
- Increasing access to services and resources for a targeted population



Strategic Goals

Arts & Creative Industries

Vibrant Economy and Place

Activate Louisville through the arts and creative industries by providing programs and direct support across the following focus areas:

- arts experiences for everyone
- creative workforce
- creative community spaces and neighborhoods



EAF Grants Timeline

- Online application open January 6
- Mandatory application orientation January 17
- Make up mandatory orientation January 29
- Applications due February 7
- Arts Panelist Orientation February 11 and 13
- RCS Panelist Orientation February 17
- RCS Panel recommendations March 16
- Arts Panel recommendations March 20
- Letters sent to all applicants by April 30



Resilience & Community Services

Panel Composition: 12 Panelist Total

- Private Sector- 3
- Government Sector- 2 Councilmembers
- Community Sector 5
- Other Sector- 2

Arts & Creative Industries

Panel Composition: 13 Panelists Total

- Arts Sector 6
- Government Sector 4 (2 Councilmembers)
- Private Sector 1
- Other Sector 2



Resilience & Community Services

- Total Recommended Funding \$939,000
- Total Funding Requested \$3,463,656
- Applications Received 133
- Applications Recommended for Funding 62 (46 orgs)

Arts & Creative Industries

- Total Recommended Funding \$361,000
- Total Funding Requested \$1,388,314
- Applications Received 78
- Applications Recommended for Funding 44 (36 orgs)





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