

Community Resilience Project

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PROJECT SUMMARY

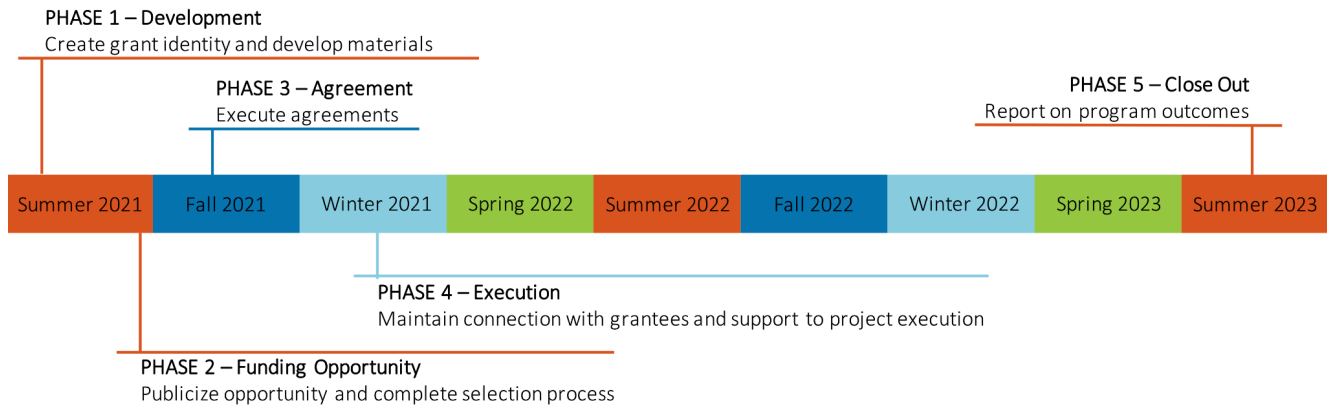
Lessons learned from the COVID-19 Emergency have highlighted the key role community-based organizations play in the provision of humanitarian relief and in performing other community-based emergency response roles -- from public messaging and educating to contact tracing. During the 2020-2021 emergencies, State, regional and local governments seeking to better meet the emergency needs of disproportionately-impacted and marginalized communities, including low-income, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, people with disabilities, and other under-served/marginalized/disproportionately impacted populations, entered into new or expanded pre-existing partnerships with organizations that serve these communities.

Many of these organizations -- who provide a range of human and other services and help build community resilience during “blue sky days” -- have taken on new or enhanced emergency roles and responsibilities. And while governments provided funding and training to help these organizations successfully implement these roles and responsibilities, many require additional training, tools, organizational development and other resources to raise their capacity and capabilities and build their own resilience as critical partners before, during, and after disasters. With \$100,000 in RDPO partner contributed funds, the Community Resilience Project will directly support at least four community-based organizations from around the region with a one-time grant up to \$25,000 to meet self-identified capacity- and capability-building needs. The pilot’s results will inform the RDPO Steering Committee’s decision for potential future grant cycles.

To be eligible:

- 1) Applicant(s) must be a State of Oregon or Washington registered nonprofit corporation or satisfy this requirement through fiscal sponsorship from a registered nonprofit corporation.
- 2) Applicant(s) are based in and serve clients primarily within* the Portland Metropolitan Region, which spans Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties in Oregon and Clark County in Washington.
* may serve populations/communities outside of the Region, meaning in other adjacent counties, but majority of clients must be located in/residents of the Region. , an organization must

PROJECT TIMELINE



INTENDED OUTCOMES

- Improve trust, knowledge-sharing, communication, and understanding between organizations/community stakeholders and municipal, county and regional governments
- Increase capacity and capabilities in disaster preparedness, community resilience, emergency response, and recovery program development and delivery for organizations
- Increase disaster resilience for organizations

ILLUSTRATIVE PROJECTS

- Enhancing communication capabilities
- Developing and disseminating disaster preparedness messaging campaigns
- Developing continuity of operations plans
- Creating and delivering community resilience resources and trainings
- Achieving National Incident Management System compliance (helps organizations access RDPO Urban Area Security Initiative grant funds)
- Conducting community assessments and asset mapping

PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

Leadership for this project includes a project management team of staff from the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) and Portland Bureau of Emergency Management as well as a task force of RDPO members from throughout the region. The task force members will design award criteria, help raise awareness of the project among community-based organizations in Multnomah, Clackamas, Clark, Washington, and Columbia counties, and evaluate the proposals to yield an equitable distribution of awards.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Georgia West - RDPO, Co-Project Manager and Grant Administrator
- Denise Barrett - RDPO, Co-Project Manager
- Eva Love - RDPO, Project Communications
- Jonna Papaefthimiou - PBEM, Project Sponsor

PROJECT TASK FORCE

- Reed Brodersen - Metro Representative
- Joe Gordon - Metro Representative
- Regina Ingabire - City of Portland Representative
- Pilar Montejo - Multnomah County Representative
- Anne Parrott - Columbia County Representative
- Jamie Poole - Clackamas County Representative
- Anthony Vendetti - Clark County Representative
- John Wheeler - Washington County Representative



PROJECT QUESTIONS

Questions? Want to get involved? Contact Georgia West at Georgia.West@portlandoregon.gov. Learn more about the RDPO mission and projects [HERE](#).