

Elevate! 2.0 Questions and Answers

Is the Elevate 2.0 funded from a federal source? No. Unlike Elevate!, Elevate ! 2.0 is funded through the City of Columbus' General Fund.

Are some applications more competitive than others? For example, HR, Tech, Finance or Legal? No. We want Elevate! funding to be used by the applicant organization in the ways they deem most helpful. We are most interested in the work your organization is currently doing in one of the 9 focus areas: homelessness, housing stability, financial security, workforce development, infant vitality, chronic disease prevention, violence elimination, re-entry, and neighborhood building.

Is it OK to target services to low income clients? We are not supporting services or programs. Rather, we are supporting the organization. As long as your organization does not discriminate in service provision, targeting services to low income clients is not a problem.

How is 2022 budget defined? Your budget should contain information about revenue and expenses. You may submit your agency budget in its current format.

Is it OK if your 501(c) (3) is pending approval? Your organization must be recognized as a 501(c)(3) by the IRS by the time we enter into contract.

When are decisions on funding made and communicated? All applicants will be notified of their application status by the end of December.

Does the program year align with the calendar year? The agreement will *likely* begin with the Purchase Order date and end in one year.

Which focus area would Behavioral Health fall under? Chronic Disease Prevention.

How long does it take to get a DUNS number? We are not using DUNS numbers. We are asking organizations register to do business with the government on SAM.gov. and receive a Unique Entity ID.

Is the City prioritizing any focus areas? No. The application must align with one of the 9 identified rays from Opportunity Rising.

Is there a possibility for Elevate 3.0 to include more rays from Opportunity Rising. We do not have any information about future funding opportunities at this time.

Can we touch or 2-3 focus areas in our application? No. Please focus on one (1) area.

Can funds be used to pay stipends for youth attending programs? That will depend on how your organization proposes to pay for stipends. We may ask you to use City funding in a different line item.

Is the Health and Well-Being pillar only for Chronic Disease Prevention? The Opportunity Rising webpage shows Behavioral Health and Trauma as a ray. You must choose from one of the 9 identified aspirational rays/focus areas identified in the Elevate 2.0 application: homelessness, housing stability, financial security, workforce development, infant vitality, chronic disease prevention, violence elimination, re-entry, and neighborhood building.