



**Request for Proposals:
Advancing Equitable Development Planning/Implementation Grants
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Due on or before March 29, 2020, 11:59 PM PDT**

Informational Webinar Questions

During the March 5, 2020 webinar, NALCAB received the following questions regarding the Equitable Development Planning/Implementation RFP.

Question: What are the requirements when applying for planning and implementation grants?

Answer: Any 501(c)(3) community development or asset building organization is eligible to apply. The Planning Grant is for organizations who have not previously completed a NALCAB-supported action plan. The Implementation Grants are only open to organizations that have previously completed a NALCAB-supported action plan.

Question: Where can I find link to apply?

Answer: Complete applications are due by March 29, 2020 at 11:59 PM PDT, and must be submitted online at the following link: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2267e75bca0d45799ebf9e8dc368ce26>. Please be sure to select the appropriate grant application type you are submitting, complete form, and upload all attachments.

Question: What is the page limit requirement?

Answer: For Narrative, please respond to appropriate prompts and limit to no more than 4 single-spaced pages, at 12-point font. For Key Personnel attachment, please limit to no more than 1 page.

Question: Do you need to be a Member of NALCAB to apply?

Answer: Organization does not need to be a member to apply. However, preference will be given to members.

Question: How many planning and implementation grants will be awarded?

Answer: NALCAB will provide two cohorts of grants: \$40,000 grants for the creation of equitable development action plans (Planning Grants) or \$25,000 grants to support the implementation of an existing development action plan (Implementation Grants). A total of 16 grants will awarded for a period of 12 months. The number of grants awarded for each will be approximately 7 to 9, final count will be dependent on applications received, subject to need, and other considerations as noted in the following question.

Question: Is the organization's size considered in the awarding process?

Answer: NALCAB's selection process considers diversity of strategies, geographic locations, organizational capacity, and target populations, as well as prior grant performance.

Question: Should project budget proposal include a match?

Answer: NALCAB does not require groups to include a match. However, please include on budget any funding that will be used to leverage and support the project.

Question: Do we need to include printing costs in the budget?

Answer: Organization does not need to include printing cost. Grant funds may be used as the organization needs to support activities related to the creation or implementation of equitable development action plan. Note that NALCAB will print a limited number of copies of action plans for each group.

Question: What is the expected budget amount?

Answer: The budget amount should reflect the appropriate grant amount requested in proposal. Planning Grants will be awarded at \$40,000 and Implementation Grants will be awarded at \$25,000.

Question: Is data collection and staff time an allowed expense?

Answer: Yes, grant funds may be used as the organization needs to support activities related to the creation or implementation of equitable development action plan.

Question: For Planning Grant, is any implementation expected and will NALCAB require measurable outcomes on the first year?

Answer: Under the Planning Grant, NALCAB does not expect groups to implement the developed equitable development strategies during grant period. However, NALCAB will encourage and support groups to plan for next steps to implementation. As part of proposal, groups are asked to define and measure the impact of this grant. The described program activities and outcomes will be used by NALCAB as organization's measurable outcomes and should be reported on group's submission of interim and final reports (using templates provided by NALCAB).

Question: Would it be inappropriate to include issues related to quality, neighborhood-serving schools as part of the plan?

Answer: No, plan may include any issues related to addressing the prevention of involuntary displacement and increase access to wealth generating assets for low-income individuals, families, businesses, and communities.

Question: What is the process for developing an equitable development action plan with NALCAB?

Answer: Throughout the process, grantees will engage in regular working sessions with NALCAB staff that will help meet interim progress milestones. This may include scheduling monthly check-ins, site visits, in-person trainings, peer-to-peer connections, and consultant partners support. If there is specific technical assistance support you anticipate in the planning effort, please be sure to include in your narrative, under the Capacity Building and Sustainability section.

Question: What resources should we expect from NALCAB during the grant period, besides mapping and data?

Answer: In addition to mapping and data, NALCAB will provide guidance on connecting equitable development strategies to other planning efforts, support with building partnerships and engaging with local government officials, policy advocacy and research, provide groups with opportunities to collaborate and problem-solve with other practitioners, resource development support to secure additional funding, and as needed other related technical assistance. If there is specific technical assistance support you anticipate in the planning effort, please be sure to include in your narrative, under the Capacity Building and Sustainability section.

Question: How does NALCAB define equitable development?

Answer: To understand NALCAB's approach to data analysis and mapping, as well as the principles we use to define equitable neighborhood development, please review [NALCAB's Guide to Equitable Neighborhood Development](#). List of principles can be found on page 11.