



Washington Census Equity Fund
Census Friday Call: November 1, 2019
Questions and Answers

Question: Can a 501c3 contract out to another organization, like a 501c4?

Answer: Yes, the application has an option to list the 501c3 sponsoring the project as the “fiscal sponsor” (and to also include the fiscal sponsor’s employer identification number). If the project is approved for funding, it will be the fiscal sponsor’s responsibility to ensure funds support the charitable activities approved.

Question: Are matching funds required?

Answer: No.

Question: What are the auditing requirements?

Answer: Each grantee will submit a final report that will show their budget expenditures compared to their proposed budget. An audit report is not required as part of the application review process.

Question: Are there restrictions on the use of funds?

Answer: Funds cannot be used for partisan political activities. It is expected that applicants clearly describe major budget items, including assumptions used in estimates (e.g. \$5,000 for consultant based on hourly rate of \$xxx and estimated number of hours to accomplish tasks described on page ##).

Question: If an organization is not a 501c3, do they need to find a 501c3 sponsor?

Answer: Yes, with the exception of tribal governments. We encourage groups without the IRS tax determination status of 501c3 to also reach out to their nearest community foundation to learn more about the process of seeking a fiscal sponsor.

Question: Are organizations who have received prior funding from Round 1 of the Washington Census Equity Fund eligible to apply?

Answer: Yes, but we are prioritizing those that have not received prior funding from the Washington Census Equity Fund.

Question: Does it matter if an applicant is part of a coalition?

Answer: We encourage partnerships. Organizations that are part of a coalition can apply and should provide information on how they are supplementing the coalition’s census work.

Question: What is the difference between the Washington Census Equity Fund and the Regional Census Fund?

Answer: The Regional Census Fund is similar in overall purpose and structure (two rounds of funding with the final round dedicated to education and outreach), and similar application questions. However, the distinct difference is that the Regional Fund is focused on King County, whereas the Washington Census Equity Fund is statewide.

Question: As with previous census, are we primarily interested in reaching heads of households? How can organizations find out who the heads of households are in their community?

Answer: The key goal of this funding opportunity is to engage community members to know more about the census and its benefits, and to address concerns held by community members. It is expected that having access to greater information will yield to higher participation from groups previously undercounted.

Question: Is there going to be door knocking in Census 2020?

Answer: Yes, after all initial attempts have been made (online, phone calls and mail), there will be Nonresponse Follow-Ups from Census Bureau enumerators in the late spring and early summer months of 2020.