



BETTER BISMARCK CAMPAIGN

Invitation to Apply for Funding

April 3, 2023

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Better Bismarck Campaign Funding Request for Applications

Issued By: City of Bismarck
Issue Date: Monday, April 3, 2023
Due Date: Monday, May 1, 2023 on or before 5:00 PM

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION:

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INTRODUCTION

Since 2017, we have seen many positive changes in community resources for behavioral health, addiction and homelessness, yet resources for individuals with current, chronic and complex, long-term mental health and/or substance abuse disorders who experience homelessness have limited options. These individuals are in greatest need for services and have very significant impacts on the entire community. Individuals in crisis impact law enforcement, hospital emergency rooms, and local businesses.

Mayor Mike Schmitz recognized this community issue as a priority and City staff are committed to working with community partners to streamline and improve services for individuals in crisis. The City of Bismarck launched a text-to-give pilot project titled, “Better Bismarck Campaign” to raise funds to address root causes of crisis homelessness in the community including addiction and mental health. The City Commission approved the use of funds the City of Bismarck received from multi-district litigation related to opioid manufacturers and distributors, to be used as match to the donated funds collected through this campaign.

The City of Bismarck is requesting applications for funding collected through the Better Bismarck Campaign. Applicants must submit materials no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, May 1, 2023. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

KEY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The applicant must be a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization meeting the legal requirements of the State of North Dakota and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- The applicant’s request for funding must include projects serving individuals with current, chronic and complex, long-term mental health and/or substance abuse disorders experiencing homelessness in the City of Bismarck. Applicants must incorporate [opioid remediation strategies](#) into their project.
- The applicant must be able to provide an unduplicated count of residents served and complete progress reports required by the City of Bismarck.

PURPOSE OF FUNDING

The purpose of this funding is to streamline and improve services for individuals in crisis experiencing chronic homelessness, addiction and behavioral health issues in the City of Bismarck.

TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE

The total funding available for distribution includes donations from the public matched with opioid litigation funds from the City of Bismarck. Applicants may submit a budget requesting up to \$25,000.

TIMELINE

The following timeline will be used to determine selected applicant(s). Dates could be modified based on extension of proposal deadline.

Immediately	Submit applications by 5:00 PM on May 1, 2023
May 2-12, 2023	Review & scoring of applications by Steering & Selection Committee
May 15, 2023	Steering & Selection Committee Recommendations Confirmed
May 23, 2023	City Commission Action Approving Award
June 1, 2023	Funds Available for Distribution to Selected Applicant

APPLICATION CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

Funding will be awarded to an organization based on the content of the application submitted. Applicants must prepare a proposal containing the following items:

1. IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter
2. Cover letter including the following:
 - a. Summary outlining the organization's plan for requested funds.
 - b. Past experience and ability to manage and successfully implement grant funded projects.
3. Completed application form (Attachment A)
4. Estimated budget for the project (Attachment B)

Proposals must be submitted either by email to: rmoch@bismarcknd.gov or mailed/personally delivered to:

Renae Moch, Public Health Director
500 E Front Avenue, Suite #3
Bismarck, ND 58504

- Proposals not received by **5:00 P.M. on Monday, May 1, 2023** at the above address will be rejected.
- Postmarks will not be accepted.
- The selection committee will reject any application not meeting any proposal requirement.

ATTACHMENTS

- ATTACHMENT A – Application Form
- ATTACHMENT B – Budget Template