

Grants Services Update

June 2024

Overview

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Summary of Services To Date

1. Department Meetings (Sustainability, Neighborhood Services, Development Services, Public Works, Police, Fire, Health, DEI Office, Clerks Office)
2. Department Priorities List & Grant Research and Identification
3. Development of Go/No-Go Decision-Making Process
4. Grant Program Reviews and Alerts
5. Project Eligibility Assessment; Partner Coordination; Funding Agency Coordination
6. Grant Application Go/No-Go Guidance

Key Areas of Work

- Grant Prospecting for Department and Board Priorities
 - Strategic review and guidance for priority projects
 - 50 grant programs reviewed
 - FY 2024: \$3.5M in grants either applied for or currently in process
- Project and Application Development Support
 - Guidance for requirements and project development
 - Funding agency communications
 - Partner coordination
 - Grant application development

Projects or Grants Supported

Grant Name	Department or Project	Metro Strategies Group Support	Application Status/Next Steps
Illinois EPA CEJA EV Charger Round 2	EV Charging (Parking and Dev Services)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant notification and guidance 	Application submitted by staff
USEPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants	Climate Ready Oak Park Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant program review and guidance Partner coordination and strategy (C4 Collab) 	Identify and work with potential partners to develop concept
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification and recommendations Pre-application support and submission 	Full application to be submitted July 19
Community Partnership for Deflection	Alternative Calls for Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant program review and guidance 	Consider for a future cycle
BJA Crisis Response and Intervention Training	Police/Alternative Calls for Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant notification and guidance 	Possible future submission
DCEO Urban Shelter Construction	Emergency Shelter at 211 N. Oak Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant program review and guidance Full application development 	Submitted by Metro Strategies Group; decision pending
ComEd Powering Safe Communities	EV Charging (Parking and Dev Services)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant notification and guidance 	Application submitted by staff
FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant	Fire Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant notification and guidance Full application development 	Submitted by Metro Strategies Group; decision pending
BJA Connect and Protect	Alternative Calls for Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant notification and guidance 	Planning for 2025 submission
Historical Records Grant	Clerk's office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant program review and guidance Full application development 	Submitted by Metro Strategies Group; denied
USDOE - Latest / Zero Building Energy Codes	Building Energy Code Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant program review and guidance Concept paper support development 	Concept paper submitted in April; Full application to be submitted in September
FEMA Direct Technical Assistance	Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application review and guidance 	PW submitted application
Cook County Invest in Cook	Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant notification 	Application submitted by staff
FHWA CFI Round 1 and Round 2	EV Charging (Parking and Dev Services)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant notification and guidance 	In review; applications due August 28
IDOT ITEP	Public Works/Econ Dev	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant notification 	Awaiting program announcement
DCEO Rebuild Downtowns/Main Streets	Public Works/Econ Dev	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant notification and guidance 	In Review; applications due July 22

Proposed Focus Areas and Priorities

1. Continued Grant Prospecting and Funding Research (e.g. Building Energy Code, Stormwater Mitigation Project, Alternative Calls, Vision Zero implementation)
2. Internal Capacity Building and Support
 - Templates and sample documents (workplans, narratives, checklists)
3. Pre-Award Support
 - Priority programs or projects development and planning to be application ready
 - Continued grant application support as needed
4. Post-Award Support
 - Reporting and compliance guidance
 - Funding agency coordination

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