# HOW TO APPLY FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND



## WHAT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND?

Funded through the City of Detroit's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public service annual allocation, the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund program provides grants to non-profit and neighborhood service organizations to improve the social condition of low-income residents in the city.



## **FUNDING PRIORITIES**

- EDUCATION
- SENIORS
- HEALTH SERVICES
- YOUTH RECREATION
- PUBLIC SAFETY

#### **APPLICATION KEY DATES**

- BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOP July 27, 2023
- 1ST APPLICATION WORKSHOP August 23, 2023
- APPLICATION OPENS August 28, 2023
- 2ND APPLICATION WORKSHOP September 6, 2023
- APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE September 29, 2023

## **APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST**

At a minimum, all applicant organizations must meet the following **THRESHOLD ELIGIBILITY**:

- Meet HUD National Objective (serves low to moderate income individuals)
- □ Attend NOF application workshop or view webinar
- □ Complete and submit proposal(s) by the deadline
- **□** Read and sign Application Certification forms
- □ Has a board with at least five (5) members, which meets at least twice a year
- Has 501(c)(3) status prior to applying for proposal
- Has at least two (2) years of operation and proof of operations
- Has no unresolved government audit and monitoring problems (i.e., tax, legal, etc.)
- Submit most recent fiscal year cash flow statement, financial statement and if available, recent audit
- Submit current <u>Michigan Annual Non-Profit Report</u>
- Submit Recorded Articles of Incorporation
- Applicant's organization has provided proof of operating cash on hand (at least 7 % of the request)
- Submit Current Certificate of Good Standing (obtain Certificate <u>here</u>)

#### ALL APPLICANTS MUST REGISTER WITH THE CITY OF DETROIT'S SUDDLIER PORTAL

#### **QUESTIONS?**

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## THE NOF APPLICATION PORTAL WILL RE-OPEN IN EARLY JULY 2023