Spring 202 Funding Opportunity*
Frequently Asked Questions as of Nov 15, 2022
*Applications due December 2, 2022 (no later than 5:00 pm PST)

1. *Do programs/projects need to serve a specific population?*
   - The only requirement is that most of the population served by the project must reside in the Verdant Service Area (see district map on website)
2. *If I don't have non-profit status, what do I do?*
   - Verdant primarily funds non-profits and municipal entities. If you are not a non-profit, you can seek out a fiscal sponsor. See Verdant website for additional eligibility criteria.
3. *If my program/project is currently supported by Verdant and set to expire, can I renew using this process?*
   - No, you will need to submit a new application for each annual award. Verdant will not be accepting renewals in 2023.
4. *Can I submit multiple applications?*
   - Verdant strongly encourages partners to submit one, unified application.
5. *What has changed this application process to reflect a commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion?*
   - The narrative application requests a description and data (to the extent available) with respect to how the program demonstrates equity, diversity, and inclusion, and it will also be reflected in the scoring for applications.
6. *Will my proposal have a greater chance of being funded if I select more than one priority area?*
   - In fairness to all applicants, there will not be preferential scoring for those applicants addressing more than one priority area.
7. *What time period is Verdant seeking for financial reports?*
   - We would like the two most recent complete years. For example, if your organization's fiscal year end is December. We would request you provide two years ending in 2020 and 2021 since we have not yet reached December 2022 year end. In some cases, we may ask for the current partial year in a follow-up question
8. *Where would you suggest applicant's categorize "rent" expenses---in Direct Costs or Indirect?*
   - RENT would generally be an indirect or administrative cost particularly if it covers all organization functions. IF the applicant is requesting rent for space that directly supports the program delivery such as a food bank space or accommodations for domestic violence victims, medically fragile, etc., then we suggest the applicant list that portion as a direct expense or under "other" and include a note of explanation.
9. *What if we are a current grantee and our contract term ends June 30, 2023. Should we apply in November 2022 (when the contract start date for grantees begins April 1) or May 2023 (when contract start date for selected grantees begins October 1)?*
   - Current grantees with a June 30 contract end date have the option to:
     i. Apply in November 2022 for a 9-month grant term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024 resulting in continuous funding (if approved), or
     ii. Apply in May 2023 and, if approved, begin contract term October 1 so that there will be a three-month funding gap between June 30 – September 30.
10. *Is the logic model a required or optional attachment?*
    - The November 8th Q and A call (slide deck and recording provided on website) that covered Outcomes provided a few tools and resources to explore for those organizations interested in learning a new approach to defining outputs and outcomes. By no means is there any requirement or expectation for applicants to provide a logic model. This information from the Nov 8th call was shared only as a resource.