



Strategies to Advance Greater Elder Safety: Pathways for Older People Surviving Violence (STAGES Pathways)

Request for Proposals

Invitation for Community-Based Organizations to Apply for Innovation Funding to Support Victims and Survivors of Abuse in Later Life

Optional Informational Webinar	Deadline to Submit Proposal
Monday, October 28, 2024 Register Here	Friday, November 22, 2024

Submit your proposal at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQDZKP9>

Description of Pathways Project

The goal of STAGES Pathways is to create a community of learning and practice amongst community-based organizations and their partners to build, enhance, or adapt their existing services for older adult survivors of abuse. This project seeks applicants to apply for funding in either **Track 1: Restorative practices that benefit older survivors of abuse, their families and caregivers (if applicable)** or **Track 2: Economic wellbeing and financial health and healing**. Applicants will be asked to choose 1 of 2 tracks to engage in deep collective learning and for the creation or expansion of seed projects, in the hopes that applicants will use this opportunity to reach audiences or test promising practices in ways they have not been able to previously. STAGES Pathways welcomes community-based organizations that are experienced working with: older adults; survivors of violence and trauma; restorative practices; and/or economic support and restoration.

- **Track 1: Restorative practices that benefit older survivors of abuse, their families and caregivers (if applicable).** Applicants may apply for funding to build new restorative responses or to enhance existing programs. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - Planning projects to gather information, design goals, draft standards of practice, receive feedback and begin preparation to begin restorative practices within an organization
 - Healing circle processes

- Family group conferencing
- “Hard conversation” coaching
- Conflict circles
- Creating other off ramps from the justice system
- Other projects that seek to offer alternatives to traditional criminal legal response to older survivors of abuse.
- **Track 2: Economic wellbeing and financial health and healing for older survivors of abuse.** Applicants may seek funding to develop new projects or support existing projects. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - Planning projects to gather information, design goals, draft standards of practice, receive feedback and begin preparation to offer services to their community focused on economic wellbeing and financial health and healing.
 - Projects that support asset recovery through administrative remedies or civil processes
 - Housing, food, or transportation assistance
 - Public education for individuals about economic wellbeing and financial health and healing, such as benefit counseling
 - Tax support, financial planning, assistance with benefits, or credit repair¹
 - Prevention activities such as using conversation starters about well-being and economic security with older adults
 - Introducing violence prevention into established community gardens, meal programs or mobile food pantries
 - Enhancing an organizations capacity to incorporate financial literacy for older adults into safety planning
 - Workplace policies, conditions, and treatment of older adults

Key Definitions

The term “**elder abuse**” means any action against a person who is 50 years of age or older that constitutes the willful: (A) infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or cruel punishment with resulting physical harm, pain, or mental anguish, or (B) deprivation by a person, including a caregiver, of goods or services with the intent to cause physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness. See 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(14).

The term “**abuse in later life**”— (A) means— (i) neglect, abandonment, economic abuse, or willful harm of an adult aged 50 or older by an individual in an ongoing relationship of trust with the victim; or (ii) domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking of an adult aged 50 or older by any individual; and (B) does not include self-neglect. 34 USC § 12291(a)(1)

¹ This grant program does not fund civil legal assistance.

For purposes of this grant, federal law defines the term “**restorative practice**” as a practice relating to a specific harm that— (A) is community-based and unaffiliated with any civil or criminal legal process; (B) is initiated by a victim of the harm; (C) involves, on a voluntary basis and without any evidence of coercion or intimidation of any victim of the harm by any individual who committed the harm or anyone associated with any such individual— (i) 1 or more individuals who committed the harm; (ii) 1 or more victims of the harm; and (iii) the community affected by the harm through 1 or more representatives of the community; (D) shall include and has the goal of— (i) collectively seeking accountability from 1 or more individuals who committed the harm; (ii) developing a written process whereby 1 or more individuals who committed the harm will take responsibility for the actions that caused harm to 1 or more victims of the harm; and (iii) developing a written course of action plan— (I) that is responsive to the needs of 1 or more victims of the harm; and (II) upon which 1 or more victims, 1 or more individuals who committed the harm, and the community can agree; and (E) is conducted in a victim services framework that protects the safety and supports the autonomy of 1 or more victims of the harm and the community. See [34 USC § 12514\(a\)\(3\)](#).

The term “**Family Group Conferencing**”(FGC) is a form of restorative justice that is based on the idea of involving the family and community in the resolution of a conflict. It differs from other forms of restorative justice in that it focuses on the family as a whole, rather than just the individual involved in the conflict. FGC also emphasizes communication and collaboration between all parties involved, including victims, offenders, and their families. This approach allows for a more holistic approach to resolving conflicts, as it takes into account not only the individual’s actions but also their relationships with their family and community. Additionally, FGC encourages all parties to take responsibility for their actions and work together to find solutions that are mutually beneficial.

The term “**economic wellbeing**” is defined as having present and future financial security. *Present financial security* includes the ability of individuals, families, and communities to consistently meet their basic needs (including food, housing, utilities, health care, transportation, education, child and elder care, clothing, and paid taxes), and have control over their day-to-day finances. It also includes the ability to make economic choices and feel a sense of security, satisfaction, and personal fulfillment with one’s personal finances and employment pursuits. *Future financial security* includes the ability to absorb financial shocks, meet financial goals, build financial assets, and maintain adequate income throughout the life-span. (Council on Social Work Education)

Eligible Applicants

- Eligible applicants are limited to community-based nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.

FUTURES and partners will review proposals and select eight community-based organizations to become “STAGES Pathways Sites.” Each site will receive a subaward between \$50,000 - \$60,000 in total costs in support of participation in deep collective learning and to begin its proposed community-based project. Sites can use funding to create new projects – or expand/enhance existing projects – dedicated to addressing elder abuse/abuse in later life in their communities. Subawards are for a 24-month period. The project period is expected to start on or before February, 2025.

Requirements/Expectations if selected

- Subaward recipients will be required to participate in a “learning community” with representatives from other sites. Sites will meet virtually every month, and once monthly with the FUTURES team.
- Subaward recipients must use their funding to send 2 key personnel to the project’s in person convening in 2025.
- Subaward recipients will also be required to collect and maintain data that measures the performance and effectiveness of work under this subaward.
- FUTURES and partners will provide technical assistance to Pathways sites to help ensure the success of each site’s local project, including data collection. FUTURES will also track and compile information from selected community-based organizations about their experiences in implementing proposed projects and use this information to inform a summary report of replicable strategies, approaches, and models.

Application Process

- You must answer every question.
- Applicants must submit a proposal online addressing the elements described below by 11:59pm (Eastern) on Friday, November 22, 2024.

Accommodations

Please contact FUTURES if any accommodations are needed to complete an application.

Selection Process

A committee of staff, partners, and representatives specializing in elder justice, restorative practices, and abuse in later life will review and assess applications for:

- Subaward eligibility;
- Capacity to implement the project;
- Ability to reach underserved and marginalized adults;

- Need for the project, such as:
 - how elder abuse has impacted individuals, groups, and the community served by the applicant
 - Lack of community-based support for older adults in the given community;
- Potential impact of the project;
- Whether the proposed budget aligns with the proposed project activities; and
- Qualifications and experiences of key individuals who will work on the project.

Contact Information

Please contact us with any questions, need for assistance with the application process, or concerns at learning@futureswithoutviolence.org.

Application Questions

Section 1: About the Applicant

1. Organization's Name
2. Organization's Address
3. Organization's Tax ID (or fiscal sponsor information)
4. Contact Person's Name, Title, and Contact Information
5. Background of the community-based organization, which may include mission and core values statement (if available), and the history of service and support rendered to the organization's community.
6. History of working with victims/survivors of elder abuse/abuse in later life, if applicable. Applicants are not required to have previously served victims of elder abuse/abuse in later life to be eligible for the subaward.
7. Description of the community the applicant serves including information about historically marginalized or underserved groups that reside within the community and how the applicant has reached and engaged older adults in these populations.
8. Description of any history of collaboration with other organizations in the community, and the applicant's relationship with its community generally.
9. Description of any past or current OVW grant/subaward.
10. Which track will this project fall under?

Section 2: Project Proposal

1. What is the problem you are seeking to address with this project?
2. Project goal and objectives
3. A statement of how the goal and objectives benefit older adults
4. Description of project activities
5. A description of how the applicant will engage older adults in their project activities.

6. List of key staff, including potential partners if applicable, who will work on the project, and a brief (2 – 3 sentences) biographical summary for each
7. Define success over the course of the subaward – please be specific – what will be different or changed if you are successful?
8. Project Budget – download and [use this template](#). Submit a detailed budget that demonstrates the total amount the applicant needs to accomplish the goals of the proposed project
 - Pathways subawards will range between \$50,000 - \$60,000.
 - Budgets must include travel money for 2 key staff to attend an in person convening for 2.5 days.

For guidance on allowable costs and preparing the budget please refer to the following resources:

OVW's "Creating a Budget" video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIW0kCKNhPs>

DOJ Financial Guide: https://www.justice.gov/d9/2024-02/doj-financial-guide-2023_ovw.pdf

Section 3: Attachments

- Completed Budget Template w/ narratives – please download and use this template: <https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/wp-content/uploads/Sub-Award-Budget-Template.xlsx>
- IRS Designation Letter
- Current organizational budget (including income and expenses)
- Most recent annual report (if available)
- Financial Statements, for most recently completed fiscal year, audited if available, with balance sheet, a statement of activities (or statement of actual income and expenses), and functional expenses (Form 990)
- Pre-Award Risk Assessment Questionnaire (PARAQ)
<https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/wp-content/uploads/PARAQ-Form.pdf>
- Sign certification regarding lobbying
https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/wp-content/uploads/GG_LobbyingForm-V1.1.pdf
- Signed certification about drug free workplaces
https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/wp-content/uploads/Certifications-v.DDJ_2022.pdf
- Indirect cost rate, if applicable
- Letter of Support (Optional)

Pathways Partners

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