

## **Frequently Asked Questions About Northern Ohio REACH Grants**

**Q: What is a REACH grant?**

**A: A one year grant that provides funding opportunities to agencies that either serve or want to serve human trafficking victims/survivors.**

**Q: How do I qualify?**

**A: An agency must be a 501©3 that provides services in Lucas, Wood, Ottawa, Sandusky and Seneca counties.**

**Q: How often can I apply and receive funding?**

**A: If approved, funding is for a one-year time period. REACH will notify the community when applications are open.**

**Q: How does the grant process work?**

**A: It is a systematic process:**

- 1. Start by downloading the application for funding, complete all sections of the forms, and then email along with any required information.**
- 2. Possible feedback may occur (if suggestions to modify, complete new form accordingly and then resubmit by deadline).**
- 3. Application for funding is reviewed and then voted on for approval.**
- 4. Applicant is notified of award or non-award.**

**Q: What makes for a good proposal?**

**A: Reviewers will be looking at these four things:**

- 1. What does the organization want to accomplish?**
- 2. Who will be served through this funding and how often will services occur, if applicable?**
- 3. How will the funds be used?**
- 4. How will the project be evaluated for success?**

**Q: What makes for a good proposal for consideration?**

**A: The proposal demonstrates evidence of preliminary work in planning and commitment to the project and potential for success. Additionally, it clearly notes what the project will initiate e.g. important changes or assistance to the human trafficking population.**

**Q: What does a budget justification mean?**

**A:**

- 1. Justification is an explanation of how much will be spent and what will the funding be spent on.**
- 2. This is *significant* to your proposal and cannot be omitted; partially or vaguely answered.**
- 3. Reminder: Your budget should show overall totals.**

**Q: Are there any other tips or advice?**

**A: Yes:**

1. Proposals could be written in a manner that serves as a blueprint for execution of the plan.
2. A well written project proposal has a first impression on its reviewers. So be clear and concise.
3. Little things that can make a difference: following directions, complete the forms in their entirety, spelling, proofreading, and submit all the required paperwork.
4. Allow enough time to have your application revised if necessary and to obtain all substantiating information.

**Q: What is the criterion for review?**

**A: A matrix is used to score (points are based on how well the criterion was met out of a possible total of 100 pts.):**

1. The proposal was: (a) well organized, (b) included complete and detailed budget justification information, and (c) well written; included all the requested information.
2. The project and its proposal effectively addresses all of the following:
  - a. Applicant goals and objectives for the proposed project were clearly stated.
  - b. The project demonstrates an ease of client accessibility within your organization.
  - c. Project impacts the human trafficking community in a unique manner.
  - d. Written proposal included a good plan for the evaluation process of the project.

**Q: How will I know the status of my application?**

**A: The Grants Committee will notify you of your acceptance, suggestions for resubmission, or decline.**

**Q: Can I submit an application early for feedback?**

**A: Yes, we will be glad to assist you in anyway permissible.**