

The Funds for the Newest New Yorkers Request for Proposals to Aid New Migrants

The Funds for the Newest New Yorkers are seeking proposals to support innovative efforts to improve the lives of migrants who have recently arrived in New York City. Proposals are due electronically by **September 16, 2024 at 5 PM ET**.

The Funds for the Newest New Yorkers are a joint effort by government and philanthropy to ensure that new arrivals to New York City thrive. The Funds are part of a coordinated effort to align government, business, philanthropy, and nonprofits (including faith-based and volunteer efforts) recognizing that immigrants make our city stronger. Grantees will work closely with the offices of the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Governor to share information and coordinate efforts. The Funds will not replace government support but will enhance and fill in gaps in government programs and funding.

We seek proposals to provide services in the three areas listed below.

1. Case Management

Programs to provide case management in shelters, including both the City-run Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Centers and shelters run by nonprofits, that serve significant numbers of newly-arrived migrants. Case managers will work closely with shelter staff and the City to connect to nonprofits that assist with work, school, legal services, public benefits, housing, and stability.

2. Legal Services

Programs to increase the capacity of legal providers to support recent arrivals. In addition to their own intake points for potential clients, funded nonprofits will accept referrals from City entities, such as case managers from shelters, hotlines, and the asylum application help center. Funding for legal services will support short-term efforts to help people apply for benefits and work authorization, along with the long-term efforts required for people to fight deportation and win lawful status. Legal services nonprofits may apply individually or through a primary nonprofit representing a consortium of providers.

3. Community-Based Social Services

Programs to help community groups connect or provide newcomers with public education, workforce development, job opportunities, workplace protection, English classes, and other services that support their integration into city life. Community groups may apply individually or through a primary nonprofit representing a consortium of providers.

Funding Criteria

Grantees must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits or have a 501(c)(3) funds administrator. The Funds for Newest New Yorkers will prioritize projects that:

- connect shelter, case management, and/or social services to increase efficiency and speed the path to stability for migrants, include partnerships between organizations with complementary expertise;
- may be adopted and scaled by government for the long-term;
- provide services in a manner that recognizes and respects clients' cultural and linguistic backgrounds; and
- build on organizations' and institutions' existing strengths, experience, and capacity.

Grant Size and Duration

The Funds for the Newest New Yorkers expects to make grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$250,000 per year (\$150,000 to \$500,000 total) per project, for up to two years. Projects that include case management as well as legal services and/or community-based social services may be awarded the maximum of \$250,000 per year for up to two years. Projects without a strong, coordinated case management component will be eligible for up to \$150,000 per year for two years. These grant ranges apply to all proposals, including those that incorporate subgrants. The selection process will be competitive; many strong proposals will not receive grants.

Proposal Requirements

Your application must include the following:

1. A project narrative (please limit to three single-spaced pages and use a 12-point font) that includes:
 - a. A description of the proposed approach to working with new arrivals and the specific intended outcomes.
 - b. How your current services relate to your proposal. Are you seeking funding for existing services, to increase the scale of your existing work, or to undertake new work?
 - c. How your proposal relates to existing supports for migrants: tell us how your proposed work will supplement or add on to existing services in the City.
 - d. The populations of migrants that you intend to support. For example: residents of a specific temporary housing facility, migrants from a specific country, or people living in a specific neighborhood.
 - e. A plan for providing necessary interpretation and translation.
 - f. How many people will be served by the grant and how you will track the key outcomes.
 - g. How your project will contribute to a long-term, coordinated effort to welcome newcomers.
 - h. Any other information to include that would help inform the Funds' decision making.
2. An itemized project budget, including expenses (such as staff salaries, program costs, and overhead) and sources of revenue (such as the names of other foundations, government, and corporate funders and the amount you expect to receive from each of them). Please specify whether grants are committed or pending and include the cost of administration. Note that staff time spent on coordinating activities with government and other nonprofits can and should be included in the project budgets.

3. A list of the members of the board of directors.
4. Your 2024 organizational budget, including revenue and expenses.

Submission Process

1. Combine items 1-4 listed above in the Proposal Requirements section into a single PDF (the file should not be larger than 25 MB). Save the file using the naming format “OrganizationName.pdf”.
2. Complete a cover sheet for [The Funds for the Newest New Yorkers RFP](#) by clicking “Apply” and upload the combined PDF.
3. Once uploaded, check the certification box at the end of the cover sheet and click submit. You will receive an email confirming the proposal has been submitted. This email will include a PDF attachment of the cover sheet you just completed.
4. Please note that The Trust’s communications about the result of your submission process will be by email, whether notification of a decline or grant. Please add noreply@thenytrust.org to your address book so important communications do not get caught in spam filters.

Informational Q&A Session

The New York Community Trust and Robin Hood will offer an online informational session on **August 14, 2024 from 10-11 AM ET**. During the session, Eve Stotland, Senior Program Officer at the New York Community Trust and Emary Aronson, Chief Knowledge Officer & Senior Advisor to the CEO, Robin Hood Foundation, will discuss the eligibility requirements and submissions process for this request for proposals and answer questions. Attendance at the sessions will not factor into funding decisions and is entirely optional. The session will be recorded and made available upon request. If interested in attending the session, please email Barbara Taveras at btaveras@thenytrust.org to get the Zoom link for the information session.

Timeline

Applications will be accepted electronically until **September 16, 2024 at 5 PM ET**. Funding decisions will be finalized by late fall 2024.

Contributing Funders (as of publication):

Ford Foundation

Robin Hood

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The New York Community Trust

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About The New York Community Trust

As New York’s largest community foundation, The New York Community Trust fosters and engages in enduring and innovative philanthropy, making grants that bring together the diverse, local knowledge and expertise of its team, nonprofits, and partners to help donors fulfill their vision for the causes they love. From education and the arts to health care and the environment, The New York Community Trust seeks to improve every aspect of the cultural and civic life of

New York City, Long Island, and Westchester. The New York Community Trust celebrates 100 years of impact and looks forward to the next 100 years of improving life for New Yorkers. This is philanthropy for New Yorkers, by New Yorkers.

About Robin Hood

Robin Hood is New York's largest local poverty-fighting philanthropy. Last year, Robin Hood celebrated its 35th year of funding, supporting, and connecting New York's most impactful community organizations at the forefront in the battle against poverty. We are NYC's largest local poverty-fighting philanthropy and since 1988, we have invested nearly \$3 billion to elevate and fuel New Yorkers' permanent escapes from poverty. In 2023, through grantmaking with 250+ community partners, we created pathways to opportunities out of poverty through our strategic partnerships on child care, child poverty, jobs, living wages and more. We are scaling impact at a population level for the nearly 2 million New Yorkers living in poverty. At Robin Hood, we believe your starting point in life should not define where you end up. To learn more about our work and impact, follow us on X [@RobinHoodNYC](#) or go to robinhood.org.

Contact

Please contact Barbara Taveras at btaveras@thenytrust.org with questions regarding the request for proposals.