Quick Hacks

- Do we qualify?
  - Budget - Project
  - https://hogg.utexas.edu/rff
- Search "About Us" page for aligned mission/language
- Read ALL of the narrative questions first
- Register and explore portal before writing (FLUXX)
- Decide on ROI of time/resources

Proposal Summary

Project Title:

- K.I.S.S.
- Brief but Descriptive

Project Summary:

1,500 <u>character</u> limit

Write 8 narrative questions' responses first

Use their "headlines" for drafting the summary

Who, What, Why, Where, How

Proposed Use of Funding

1. Explain how your organization would use the funding.

➔ (Unlimited characters; text only)
➔ Be direct
➔ Make the ask; state the use - newspaper style
➔ Unpack your plan here
➔ Describe your org's and community's need
➔ Don't rehash Tx mental health stats

2. How would these funds impact your organizational goals?

➜ State your org goals

➜ How funds will support them, specifically

➜ Alignment - HF mission, vision and…

➜ RFF goals
  ◆ *Strengthen organization*
  ◆ *Sustainability of org and its mission*
  ◆ *Capacity building*
  ◆ *Foster long-term community improvements*

3. How would your organization define success relative to the planned use of these funds?

➔ Translate Q2's Goals
➔ Measurable objectives
➔ 5-years of reporting
➔ Keep reporting resources (or lack) in mind
➔ Beware sweeping promises!

Proposed Communities of Focus and Engagement

4. What city/county, zip codes, neighborhoods, ==communities==, etc. does your organization primarily serve?

➔ SVI index if useful
➔ Not only geographic - describe "community" served
➔ Will use this again in Q5-8

5. How does your organization maintain ==meaningful connections== with the ==communities== you serve? Please provide ==examples==.

➔ Grassroots connections
➔ Impact on Social Determinants of Health and Well-being
➔ Examples that show human side - of org and beneficiaries

6. Describe how your organization's board, executive leadership, and staffing ==composition== reflect the ==communities== your organization will serve or serves.

➔ Correlate with reflection of Q4 "community"
➔ Not bios; overview
➔ Historically excluded groups represented? (From RFF goals)
➔ Lived experience represented

7. In what ways does your organization ==engage== in ==work== that promotes resilience, mental health, and well-being at the ==community-level==?

➔ Use Q4 community definition
➔ Describe the work; not just statements of values and vision
➔ How community is engaged with decisions and design

8. How does your organization address ==equity== and respond to the ==unique== mental health needs of ==diverse cultures==

➔ See Equity definition in mental health and well-being
➔ Q4 - what diverse cultures served?
➔ How org identifies and responds
➔ Grass roots engagement - esp 2-way

Budgets

➔ Grant budget template (https://hogg.utexas.edu/rff)
➔ OK if over the max $50k/year or 30% due to automatic overhead calculation
➔ "Total Funding Request" auto calculated with "Operating Budget" input
➔ Program within larger $ org use the program's budget $ here (<$250k)
➔ For "Operating Budget" upload, option of either FY23 or FY24

Additional Resources

➔ RFP announcement document
➔ Information on the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)
➔ Fluxx registration required before midnight, January 10, 2024.
    https://hogg.fluxx.io
➔ HF resources for grant seekers (sample letters, application process, etc.)
➔ Grant-related questions: hogg-grants@austin.utexas.edu

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