



## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

### FY 2023 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES & INSTRUCTIONS

*Please read all instructions before beginning the application.*

This year, all Local Development Council applications will be completed online through ACDS's Neighborly Portal. To register your account, please follow the link below to be taken to the ACDS Neighborly Portal Login Page.

<https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/acds/Participant>

A quick-guide for getting started with Neighborly can be found on the login page.

- I. **Community Grants** are available on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations and community associations serving the community and residents within a three-mile radius of the Live! Facility. Eligible applicants may apply for a maximum of \$40,000. Please note organizations who have received VLT funds for the last three consecutive fiscal years (FY 2020, 2021, and 2022) are NOT eligible to apply for funds this year. **Community Grant applications must be submitted by 4:00pm on Monday, December 13, 2021.**

Community Grant applicants should complete the application through Neighborly. If you are unable to complete the application online, please contact [dsims@acdsinc.org](mailto:dsims@acdsinc.org) to make alternate accommodations.

- II. All applicants must describe in detail how the program/project will benefit the community and residents within a three-mile radius of the Live! Facility, how it relates to the LDC funding priorities to support human services for success, beautify and revitalize communities, and enhance educational outcomes. A more detailed description of these priorities is attached as Exhibit V.
- III. All applications must adhere to the LDC's "Guidelines on Funding Faith-Based Organizations & Related Activities." Full text of these guidelines is attached to this application as Exhibit VI.
- IV. All applicants must include evidence of the organization's tax exempt status with the application. If the organization is a nonprofit organization, please include a copy of the organization's IRS tax exempt letter. If you are a community organization (e.g. HOA, Condominium Association) please include a copy of the most recent federal tax return (federal form 1120 or 990).
- V. Be sure to indicate which grant type your organization is applying for.

Applicants may apply for any of the following types of grants:

- A. **General Operating Support.** If the organization is applying for funds to pay for basic operating costs, whether for a new or existing program, the application must demonstrate

how the grant will help build capacity; increase impact and/or help the organization operate more efficiently and better serve the community.

- B. **Program Support.** If the organization is applying for funds to support a specific program, the organization must demonstrate how this program will help the organization better serve the community.
- C. **Equipment and Supplies.** If organization is applying for funds to purchase equipment or supplies, the application should describe how the equipment or supplies will help achieve a specific goal and better serve the community.
- D. **Physical Improvements/Capital Projects.** Funds can be requested for demolition, construction, rehabilitation, renovation, alterations, or any other type of physical community improvements or improvements to organizational facilities that will help your organization better serve the community.

- VI. Budget Worksheet: All applicants are required to complete the Budget Worksheet attached to this application.

If the program/project requires additional funding other than VLT funds to be completed or successful, the application should demonstrate that at least 50 percent of the funding needed to complete the project/program has been secured. If in-kind support is being leveraged, it must be indicated in the narrative section of the budget how the organization determined the value of the goods or services being provided. Guidelines for valuing in-kind goods/services can be found in part VI: Budget Information.

- VII. In making the awards, the LDC is often unable to meet the entire grant request. The application should describe how the organization would prioritize the expenditure of LDC funds if the full amount requested is not awarded.

- VIII. The grant review process will proceed as follows:

- A. Grant applications will be initially screened for compliance then reviewed by the LDC Grant Subcommittee. Incomplete grant applications will not be considered, nor will any applications submitted after the deadline.
- B. Grant finalists who are selected by the LDC Grant Committee will be required to make an in-person presentation to the entire LDC. Presentations will be scheduled for the following dates:

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

No more than 5 minutes will be allotted for the presentation, and PowerPoint presentations should be limited to no more than 10 slides. *If you have received LDC funds before, be sure to list the results and outcomes you have achieved.*

- C. The LDC will make final recommendations for each award and funding amount.

D. LDC recommendations for grant awards will then be reviewed and considered for inclusion by the County Executive in Anne Arundel County's FY 2023 budget, which must be approved by the County Council.

E. All applicants will be notified in writing of grant decisions.

Applicants who are selected to receive a VLT Grant will be required to enter into a grant agreement with Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS), the agency under contract to administer the grants on behalf of the LDC. This grant agreement will define the organization's responsibilities and a payment schedule for the award received. Awardees may be required to attend an information session with ACDS staff. ACDS staff will contact the primary contact person listed in your application to begin processing the grant award and ensure the organization has submitted all required grant documents, including an Insurance Certificate naming ACDS as an additional insured, a copy of your organization's procurement policy or an attestation that your organization will be abiding by ACDS's procurement policy for grant recipients ([ACDS Procurement Policy](#)) and a board resolution or other organization document stating that the grant signatory is authorized to sign grant agreements on behalf of the organization.

NOTE: If the organization is awarded funds, do not begin incurring expenses until the organization has a fully executed written agreement with ACDS. ACDS is not liable for any expenses incurred before the grant agreement is executed. Additionally, grantees must follow an ACDS approved procurement process. Do not procure equipment or construction work you plan to fund with LDC funds prior to your award.

Once funds are awarded, grantees must:

1. follow ACDS invoicing procedures, including submittal of request for payments on organizational letterhead signed by an authorized representative with supporting back up material (original receipts, invoices). **All funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis.**
2. submit progress reports and a final report once the project/program is complete; and
3. schedule a monitoring visit with ACDS staff while the program/project is in progress or completed. As part of the monitoring process, the Grantee will be required to share an organization-wide financial statement or an audit conducted by an independent accountant or a financial statement prepared in a manner approved by ACDS staff.

Questions? Please contact David Sims from ACDS at 410-222-3236 or [dsims@acdsinc.org](mailto:dsims@acdsinc.org).

## EXHIBIT I

### Disclosure Protection

Grantee shall adopt and maintain any and all policies and procedures necessary to provide its employees with Disclosure Protection consistent with § 6-2-107 of the Anne Arundel Code. Below are guidelines to use when preparing policies.

- (a) **Definition.** In this section, a “personnel action” means an act, a refusal to act or an omission by an appointing authority which has a significant adverse impact on the employee or a change in the employee’s responsibilities which is inconsistent with the employee’s grade and salary.
- (b) **Action by appointing authority.** Unless a disclosure is specifically prohibited by law, an employee may not be subject to a personnel action by an appointing authority as a reprisal for seeking any remedy under this section or for a disclosure to a federal, State or County official or employee, that the employee reasonably believes, in good faith, demonstrates evidence of:
  - (1) retaliation for a refusal to obey an instruction of an appointing authority or supervisor involving an illegal act or a refusal to participate in an illegal act;
  - (2) an illegal action in County government;
  - (3) an unauthorized use of County funds; or
  - (4) a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.
- (c) **Other action authorized.** This section does not prohibit a personnel action that otherwise would have been taken regardless of the disclosure.
- (d) **Disclosures to State officers.** An employee has the same protections provided in subsection (b) of this section regarding a disclosure that is specifically prohibited by law, if the disclosure is made to the Office of the State’s Attorney, the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, or the Office of the Maryland State Prosecutor.
- (e) **Other remedies.** This section does not preclude the aggrieved employee from seeking any legal action or other remedies available.

(Bill No. 17-11)

## EXHIBIT II

Obtaining a printout of Good Standing Status from the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation

Information about business entities can be found at the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (“SDAT”) website.

Go to [www.dat.state.md.us](http://www.dat.state.md.us). From the center of the home page, select “Business Data Search”. From the menu in the second block, select “Business Entity Information”. Under “Name Search”, enter the name or a part of the name of the entity. There should be no spaces between words, and you should not include the words “the” or “and”. Also, do not include any “tail” such as “Inc.” or “LLC”. If you only search part of the name, follow the part with “%” for a wildcard search.

It will give you the entity’s name, status with the SDAT, and whether the entity is in good standing with SDAT.

A paid SDAT Certificate is not required.

A printout of entity detail from the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation webpage indicating the organization’s good standing is acceptable.

***Please note that if the entity is listed as “forfeited” or not in good standing with SDAT, it cannot enter into a contract with the County until the forfeiture or lack of good standing is resolved.***

# EXHIBIT III

## Sample Form W-9

Form <b>W-9</b> (Rev. November 2017) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	<b>Request for Taxpayer          Identification Number and Certification</b> ► Go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/FormW9">www.irs.gov/FormW9</a> for instructions and the latest information.	<b>Give Form to the          requester. Do not          send to the IRS.</b>																					
<b>1</b> Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. <b>Community Foundation, Inc.</b>																							
<b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above																							
Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<b>3</b> Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes.																						
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC																						
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate																						
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► _____ <small>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</small>																						
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ►		<b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <small>Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.</small>																					
<b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. <b>123 Main St.</b>		<b>Requester's name and address (optional)</b>																					
<b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code <b>Annapolis, MD 21401</b>																							
<b>7</b> List account number(s) here (optional)																							
<b>Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)</b> Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a TIN</i> , later. <small>Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see <i>What Name and Number To Give the Requester</i> for guidelines on whose number to enter.</small>																							
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<b>Part II Certification</b> Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:																							
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.																							
<b>Certification instructions.</b> You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part III, later.																							
<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ► <i>John Doe</i>	Date ► <i>1-1-2017</i>																					
<b>General Instructions</b> Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted. <b>Future developments.</b> For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/FormW9">www.irs.gov/FormW9</a> . <b>Purpose of Form</b> An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.																							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)</li> <li>• Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)</li> <li>• Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)</li> <li>• Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)</li> <li>• Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)</li> <li>• Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)</li> <li>• Form 1099-C (canceled debt)</li> <li>• Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)</li> </ul> Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN. <i>If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.</i>																							

## EXHIBIT IV

### FY 2023 LDC Grants

#### Insurance Requirements for Awarded Organizations

Grantee shall comply with the following insurance requirements governing the LDC/VLT and provide the Grant Administrator, at the time of execution of the grant agreement, with an active Certificate of Liability Insurance evidencing type of insurance, effective and expiration dates and the coverage limits. Grantee shall purchase and maintain the following insurance policies and amounts while grant agreement is in effect.

#### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

**Grantee Insurance Requirements** – All Grantees must carry the following insurance coverage.

- Comprehensive General Liability - All Grantees must carry commercial general liability with minimum limits of coverage at \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence (Bodily Injury or Property Damage), \$2,000,000 General Aggregate that applies on a per project basis, \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate and \$1,000,000 Per Person or Organization (Personal and Advertising Injury).

In addition, ACDS must be provided with an additional insured for number CG 20 10 11 85 or a relative equivalency for all liability policies, except for worker's compensation and automobile liability policies. Additional insured status to remain in effect for the term of the contract, including the warranty period.

- Property/Fire Insurance – All Grantees must carry property/fire insurance on any building or structure that is to be improved utilizing LDC/VLT funds. Insurance coverage must be in an amount not less than the value of the improvements,
- Automobile Liability Insurance – As applicable, all Grantees must carry automobile liability insurance coverage with least \$1,000,000 combined single limit coverage to include owned, non-owned and hired automobiles
- Directors and Officers Insurance – Grantees receiving LDC/VLT over \$100,000 must carry directors and officers insurance in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), and
- Workers' Compensation Insurance – As applicable, all Grantees must carry worker's compensation insurance coverage for all of its employees in compliance with the Workers' Compensation laws of the State of Maryland.

**Contractors/Consultant Insurance Requirements** – All Contractors and Consultants hired by the Grantee utilizing LDC/VLT funds must carry the following insurance coverage.

- Comprehensive General Liability - All Grantees must carry commercial general liability with minimum limits of coverage at \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence (Bodily Injury or Property Damage), \$2,000,000 General Aggregate that applies on a per project basis, \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate and \$1,000,000 Per Person or Organization (Personal and Advertising Injury).

In addition, ACDS must be provided with an additional insured for number CG 20 10 11 85 or a relative equivalency for all liability policies, except for worker's compensation and automobile liability policies. Additional insured status to remain in effect for the term of the contract, including the warranty period.

- Property Insurance – Contractors and Consultants must carry property/fire insurance on any building or structure that is to be improved utilizing LDC/VLT funds. Insurance coverage must be in an amount not less than the value of the improvements,
- Automobile Liability Insurance – As applicable, all Contractors and Consultants must carry automobile liability insurance coverage with least \$1,000,000 combined single limit coverage to include owned, non-owned and hired automobiles,
- Workers' Compensation Insurance – As applicable, all Contractors and Vendors must carry worker's compensation insurance coverage for all of its employees in compliance with statutory benefits as required by the laws of the State of Maryland and employee's liability coverage with limits of at least \$100,000 each accident, \$100,000 employee disease, and \$500,000 disease policy limits,
- Builder's Risk Insurance – For all capital improvement projects over \$250,000 the Contractor or Grantee must carry builder's risk insurance in an amount equal to the value of the improvements, and
- Errors and Omission Insurance – For all capital improvement projects over \$250,000 the Consultant must carry errors and omission insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.
- Umbrella Insurance – For all capital projects over \$1,000,000 the Contractor must carry umbrella insurance in an amount of not less than \$2,000,000.

## **INSURANCE CERTIFICATE AND ADDITIONAL INSURED REQUIREMENTS**

Grantee Insurance Certificates – The Grantee must furnish Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. with certificates evidencing the type, amount, class of operations and effective dates of expiration of the insurance policies except for worker's compensation and automobile policies. The insurance coverage certification shall include substantially the following statement: "The insurance covered by this certification shall not be canceled or materially altered, except after thirty (30) consecutive calendar days from when a written notice has been delivered to the Arundel Community Developments Services, Inc.", whom shall be named as an additional insured in all insurance policies except for workers compensation and automobile liability policies.

Contractor and Consultant Insurance Certificates – The Grantee must furnish ACDS with insurance certificates from all Contractors and Consultants evidencing the type, amount, class of operations



and effective dates of expiration of the insurance policies except for worker's compensation and automobile policies.

## **INSURANCE WAIVER REQUEST**

A request for a waiver for not carrying a specific type of required insurance must be made on applicant's official letterhead to Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. at the time of submission of the grant application, with appropriate supporting documentation if applicable, including a description of circumstances sufficient to show why compliance is impossible. Grantee shall submit: a) certificate of insurance; and b) a letter requesting a waiver if certificate does not show evidence of a particular required insurance. Upon review/evaluation, Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. will inform the applicant of the approval or denial of a waiver request, or request additional information or documentation as necessary.

## **EXHIBIT V**

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FY 2023 FUNDING (COMMUNITY GRANTS AND INVITE ONLY GRANTS)**

Local Development Council (LDC) funding is a valuable resource serving communities within a 3 mile radius of the Live! Casino. The LDC is tasked with making funding award recommendations to Anne Arundel County through small grants (“Community Grants” up to \$40,000) and larger grants (“Invitation” grants over \$40,000). These grants bring hope and make a significant difference in our communities through community revitalization and beautification, education, workforce development, transportation, and social service programs.

While there are many worthy partners in the community who apply for grants to improve community life, the total requests and needs continually outpace available funding. Recognizing this, the LDC would like to establish funding priorities and guiding principles to help direct future grant making activities. While the LDC anticipates going through a larger strategic planning process to analyze data and receive broad community input in the future, the guiding principles and funding strategies below will guide our work for the next fiscal year.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

LDC funds should be spent on the programs that will produce the biggest return on investment in communities within the three-mile radius of the Maryland Live! Casino. Below are three major areas the LDC would like to have impact.

- (1) Provide Human Services to help People Succeed
- (2) Beautify and Revitalize Communities
- (3) Enhance Educational Outcomes

LDC priorities within each of these three areas are described below.

#### **SPECIFIC FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

##### ***Human Services for Success***

The overarching goal is to deploy resources for services that will have the greatest impact on people’s lives – not just in terms of number of people served, but also to the extent, the service creates opportunities for success and self-sufficiency.

1. Focus on initiatives that provide positive outcomes around:
  - Transportation (empower accessibility)
  - Help with child care (empower people to work)
  - Recreation & Youth Development (after school programs, mentoring, police programs, Boys & Girls Clubs)
  - Food and nutrition assistance (support a holistic food program)

- Increase employability programs (jobs skills training but also soft skills)
  - Case management & support (to help people get on their feet in a sustainable way)
2. Support a regional Severn Intergenerational Center to include a regional Boys & Girls Club and senior center.

### ***Community Beautification and Revitalization***

The overarching goal is to invest in capital improvements in communities and public lands located within the three-mile radius of Live! Casino who are:

- (1) most impacted by the Casino; and
- (2) most in need of revitalization.

Priorities include:

Beautification Programs  
Property Repair Programs

### ***Enhance Educational Outcomes***

The overarching goal is to deploy resources for schools where it will make the greatest impact and improve education outcomes in the Meade feeder cluster of schools.

The LDC will focus on projects having the largest impact, in terms of both number of students and where the greatest need is.

The LDC will work with AACPS to develop a “needs” list for schools within the three-mile radius that have had little or no LDC support to date and (a) may not have the internal support necessary to generate such a list on their own; and/or (b) may have substandard or inadequate facilities.

Educational initiatives submitted for LDC funding should be beyond what the Board of Education (not the LDC) should be funding and not increase the County’s maintenance of effort obligations.

LDC funding should not replace funding that is available from other resources.

The LDC will contact AACPS to ensure it supports the proposed project or initiative. These proposals will be shared with AACPS staff to ensure there is a need for LDC resources and there are not alternative sources that could support the project or initiative.

The LDC will work to identify and fund, either partially or entirely, key projects that may help to transform the schools within the three mile radius into an excellent educational experience.

## EXHIBIT VI

### LDC GUIDELINES ON FUNDING FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS & RELATED ACTIVITIES

Anne Arundel County and the Local Development Council recognize the important role faith-based organizations play in providing human services and support to our neighborhoods and communities. Keeping this in mind, grants will not be made for religious purposes but may be made to faith-based organizations to support non-religious programs and projects offered to the broader community.

For grants that support equipment or operating costs for **programs**, the program may be located within a house of worship and/or run by a 501 C 3 organization affiliated with the house of worship, but the program benefits must be available to the wider community, including persons of all faiths and non-believers. Additionally, inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytizing, may not be part of a program or the services funded by a grant. Inherently religious activities must be offered separately, in time or location, from the programs, activities, or services supported by LDC funds.

For grants that support **capital projects**, funds may not be used to pay for capital equipment, construction or renovations for/to structures that serve primarily as a place of worship or where the primary use includes inherently religious activities. Funds may be used, in a proportional amount, to sustain space located within a house of worship that will be made available to the wider community, including persons of all faiths and non-believers, for uses that are not inherently religious, including, religious worship, instruction or recruitment.

Please contact ACDS staff for further guidance or examples.