



ARPA FAIR SHOT FUND
Overview and Application Guidelines

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Final round of ARPA Human Services funding to support individuals and organizations working to make New London a City where everyone has a fair shot at wellbeing

The Challenge

New London, like so many communities across this country, is still feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic fallout. Far too many of our neighbors are struggling to survive and thrive. Inequities and the effects of systemic racism persist, all while our community is changing—there's increased gentrification, people are getting priced out of housing, everything is more expensive and it's much harder for people to meet their needs— this change dictates we do things differently. We need fresh ideas, approaches and innovations that rise to meet the challenges of today and that set us on a path toward a brighter tomorrow.

A New Vision

What if New London was a city where everyone had a fair shot at wellbeing? A city where we all feel we belong; that we can count on others and they on us; that we matter, that we're safe, that things are somewhat predictable, and that our needs can be met without shame or danger. These are the wellbeing drivers for all of us, but for too many in our New London community, equitable access to wellbeing remains elusive. There are too many obstacles at play for our poor, low-income, immigrant, and BIPOC neighbors and that's unacceptable. We can do better and our residents deserve better. New London is on a journey of transformation that puts people, equity and wellbeing at the center. Join us and let's work together to help our neighbors build the capacity to live the life that truly matters to them and the communities they call home.

Funding Opportunity

The Fair Shot Fund represents the last distribution of ARPA human services funds. This funding is an opportunity to reimagine how to support those hardest hit in the community by creating an environment that supports wellbeing for everyone. The ideas and innovation this requires needs to come from individuals as well as institutions. Everyone can play a role.

The Fair Shot Fund includes two types of grants:

Opportunity Grants:

We believe that one of the most important goals of our community is to support our neighbors who need an opportunity to have a fair shot at wellbeing.

- Grants up to \$20,000 for individuals, informal networks, small grassroots organizations and community-based businesses
- Ideas and projects created and initiated by people who have historically been blocked from opportunities like this, including: poor and working people, BIPOC people, immigrants, young people (under 30), people impacted by the criminal justice system, etc.
- Ideas and projects that focus on neighbors helping neighbors, peer-support, and similar approaches

Innovation Grants:

To get to a fair shot at wellbeing we can no longer tweak around the edges. We must innovate to transform what and how we do things.

- Grants up to \$200,000 for nonprofits, large businesses and other institutions like hospitals, or schools. Organizations that have previously received ARPA Human Services funds may apply but priority will be given to organizations not previously funded with ARPA money.
- Ideas and projects that center equity, focus on the needs and demands of community and are working toward shifting power and systemic and structural barriers are encouraged

Priority areas for both types of grants include:

- housing security
- immigrant rights
- mental/behavioral health
- youth opportunity

Interested in transforming our city together? Attend a workshop to learn more and get your questions answered.

Applicant Workshop

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 5:00-6:30 pm

Public Library of New London

63 Huntington St

Grant Application Deadlines

Opportunity Grants: June 16, 2023

Innovation Grants: June 16, 2023