

ARPA Advantage

Affordable Housing Funding Opportunity

The possibilities couldn't be greater.

Dogwood Health Trust is requesting proposals from counties, municipalities, and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians located in our 18-county service region in Western North Carolina, including the Qualla Boundary, who would like to leverage the [American Rescue Plan Act](#) funds that they are investing in affordable housing.

ARPA Advantage grants will provide a total of \$10 million to support collaborative projects between counties, municipalities, or tribal nations and 501(c)(3) organizations that leverage American Rescue Plan Act funds to promote affordable housing in Western North Carolina.

We are particularly interested in projects that draw additional funding from sources beyond the American Rescue Plan Act funds and in collaboratives that include multiple partner organizations.

At-a-Glance

Purpose: To capitalize on American Rescue Act Plan funds by Increasing investments in affordable housing in our region.

Funding available: We will consider grants ranging from \$500,000-\$2.5 million. ARPA Advantage grants are available for affordable housing projects that are consistent with 501c3 guidelines. Requests can include:

- predevelopment
- infrastructure
- construction costs
- land acquisition
- capacity building

Capacity building is defined by Dogwood Health Trust as funds that will help improve a grantee's ability to tackle specific issues. Examples can include (but are not limited to): strengthening the capacity of organizations to work in collaboration across organization and industry lines, supporting the capacity of leaders to work more effectively by exposing them to new ways of thinking and acting towards measurable change, and strengthening the capacity of an organization to use new tools to more effectively communicate with its constituents and community, etc.

Priority will be given to proposals that promote:

- Creation of new, or rehabilitation of existing, structures to help preserve our natural resources and landscape.
- Supportive housing (permanent, or transitional) for at least one of the following:
 - Persons with mental, physical or developmental disabilities
 - Domestic abuse survivors
 - Children aging out of foster care
 - Persons being released from incarceration
- Development or rehabilitation of housing designed to revitalize a blighted area in a way that mitigates displacement or gentrification.

How to apply: Complete our online application at www.dht.org/housing/.

Timeline: The deadline for 2021 grant applications is 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2021. Award notifications will be made by the end of September 2021, and funds distributed in October 2021.

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