

CHIditarod Foundation Infrastructure Investment Grant (2021)

Funding opportunity	Infrastructure Investment Grant
Letter of intent submission date	July 1, 2021 (11:59pm CDT)
Full application due date	August 15, 2021 (11:59pm CDT)
Award amount	Up to \$8,000 per award
Estimated number of awards	6-8
Eligible applicants	Non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status Organizations who work the support of a Fiscal Sponsor with 503(c)(3) status

Background: The CHIditarod Foundation seeks to alleviate hunger and solve the root causes of hunger through creativity, engagement and direct action. We accomplish these goals by creating unique, creative, participatory events that raise funds and providing grants to local 501(c)(3) organizations that share our hunger-fighting mission.

The CHIditarod Foundation carries out this and other grant programs every year as part of our mission to direct funds raised through our events back into the community, funding unique, creative, and essential programs that directly tackle hunger and food insecurity in the greater Chicagoland Area.

Purpose of award: The purpose of the CHIditarod Infrastructure Investment Grant is to support the acquisition of equipment and/or necessary infrastructural improvements in order to increase the efficiency and extend the lifespan of programs that are already in operation. This grant is especially appropriate for urgent, emergent, and one-time expenses such as new shelving; refrigeration equipment; vehicles; irrigation equipment; building repairs for safety, accessibility, or code compliance, and so on. Funds from this award may not be used to pay for stipend/salary, food, travel, or participant incentives that are cash, cash-like, or vague; or to reimburse purchases

We recognize that food insecurity is a structural and systemic problem and that efforts to reduce food insecurity are needed along the entire ecological spectrum: from policy work to food supplements to hot meals. We welcome applications to support a wide variety of programs and interventions that:

- Directly impact hunger or food insecurity (whether in a more immediate or more systemic way);
- Serve communities residing in the greater Chicagoland area; and
- Stand to benefit significantly from the award amount stipulated for this grant program.

Instructions: All applicants must submit preliminary information via a “letter of intent” form, which can be found here: <https://forms.gle/BmC9dQUs8rpd1j8x6>

Full application materials (due August 15) are expected to include:

- (1) proof of 501(c)(3) status
- (2) Brief summary of program
- (3) Summary of need for this purchase.
- (4) Documented price quotes for purchases/costs to be covered by the award
- (5) Plan for the storage, maintenance, housing, and upkeep of the purchase, as appropriate.

Proof of purchase must be provided within 30 days of receipt of the award.

Questions should be directed to: Jennifer Carroll (jen@chiditarod.org)