

Worthy Cause 2027 Pool Funds

Requests for Applications for Capital Projects

**Please Read This Entire Document Before
Starting Your Application**



The Boulder County Commissioners are seeking Requests for Applications from qualified nonprofit human services agencies and housing authorities for the 2027 allocation of Worthy Cause funds (“Funds”) as specified in the 2017 County Ballot Issue 1A “Worthy Cause 0.05% Countywide Sales and Use Tax Extension.”

Worthy Cause is an investment of sales and use tax revenue for capital projects, including purchase of land or buildings, construction, renovation, and debt reduction.

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Application Information

Boulder County uses the Foundant online application system:

[Click here to access the 2027 Worthy Cause Application](#)

- ❖ Requests for applications must meet all the criteria outlined in this document.
- ❖ Applications must be completed in their entirety no later than **4pm on August 5, 2026**. *Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.*
- ❖ Submit your questions via **Q&A Form no later than 4pm on July 13, 2026**. Use this link for the [Q&A Form](#).
- ❖ Join the Worthy Cause Question & Answer with Community Partners meeting at **10am on July 16, 2026**, to learn more about the application process. [Register here](#) for the meeting.
- ❖ We value inclusion and access for all participants and are committed to providing support to all applicants for completion of the Worthy Cause application. Please contact cokiyama@bouldercounty.gov if you experience any issues with the online application.
- ❖ If you have a disability and require an accommodation please see [ADA and EEO Notices - Boulder County](#)

About Worthy Cause

In November 2000, voters approved the Worthy Cause I ballot initiative to allocate a portion of sales and use tax revenue to Boulder County nonprofit human service agencies and housing authorities for capital projects, including purchase of land or buildings, construction, renovation, and debt reduction. The tax was extended in 2003 for Worthy Cause II and 2008 for Worthy Cause III and was again **approved by voters in 2017 for Worthy Cause IV. Worthy Cause IV is scheduled to run through 2033.**



Wild Bear Nature Center, Nederland

Each year, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) solicits projects that meet the Worthy Cause criteria and awards funding through a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process. This funding cycle covers the 2027 “pool” allocation. Because sales and use tax revenues fluctuate, the amount available for 2027 is not yet known. Boulder County may choose not to allocate all revenues and can carry funds over to future years.

As part of the RFA, agencies must submit a detailed description of the capital project for which the Funds would be invested. **Funding requests must be at least \$75,000.**

There is no maximum request amount. There are no guarantees that the amount requested will be funded. The County may award partial funding based on the available pool of funds, Commissioner priorities, and applicant's evaluation score. If awarded, **the County may disburse funds at any time prior to December 31, 2027**; there is no guarantee that a recipient will receive funds prior to that date.

Using the Evaluation Criteria on page 18, each application is reviewed by at least two reviewers. Their averaged scores guide the review team's discussions and funding recommendations, which take into account the applicant pool, BOCC priorities, and available funds. Community Services Department staff present these recommendations to the BOCC, which makes all final funding decisions.

The review team consists of Boulder County employees who are part of the community they serve. They bring subject matter expertise from Community Services, Human Services, Housing, Public Health, the Policy Team, and additional County offices. The County Attorney's Office provides guidance whenever eligibility questions arise.

The Commissioners may wholly fund, partially fund, reject or otherwise not fund any and all Requests for Applications; to waive any informalities or irregularities therein; and to fund RFAs that, in the opinion of the Commissioners, are in the best interests of the County of Boulder, State of Colorado, pursuant to the intent of the 2017 County Ballot Issue 1A.

The Funds are NOT a traditional grant. The Funds are provided to nonprofit human services agencies and housing authorities to assist with capital purchases, developments, and improvements. The Funds are to assist agencies in meeting their capital needs, not to provide monetary operational support. Funding Agreements require that an agency continue to deliver its human services for a term of 30 years as a condition receiving the Funds. The services described in an agency's application are the types of services that they would be obligated to continue to perform under the Funding Agreement.



Rocky Mountain Equality, Boulder

The purpose of the Worthy Cause program is to promote the long-term provision of human services in Boulder County, not to provide a loan or temporary financial assistance to the agency.

Recognizing the lengthy nature of the Funding Agreement's term, the Funding Agreement contemplates the potential need to change scope of service delivery and relocate the agency to a different property. The Funding Agreement also includes a right of first refusal that the County may exercise to purchase the property if an agency seeks to sell the property.

Worthy Cause awards represent a County investment in nonprofit human service agencies and housing authority properties to support continued human service delivery in our community. The County protects its investment by securing the Funds through a Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, as well as a Restrictive Covenant where

applicable. For each award, the County will record a Deed of Trust in the amount of Funds awarded against the agency's property to which the Funds are being applied.

Worthy Cause Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be a:

§ 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization registered and in Good Standing with the Colorado Secretary of State

a. **Housing Authority or an Agency providing human services**

- i. “Housing Authority” means those entities created under the authority of C.R.S. 29-4-201, et seq., or 29-4-501 et seq., which plan, design, construct, purchase, maintain and administer transitional and affordable rental housing units within Boulder County.
- ii. “Human services” includes safety net services targeting vulnerable, low-income, high- risk, or other at-risk populations in need of health care, mental health services, food and nutrition, emergency shelter, affordable housing, domestic violence prevention, child care, early childhood education, and supportive social services; also services targeted to serve at- risk youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, or persons in need of basic assistance such as shelter, housing, food, or other immediate assistance.
- iii. “Human services” does NOT include services used by the general public, such as sports, recreational and educational activities, and emergency response services. Hospitals, public schools, sports clubs/leagues and assisted living centers are NOT considered to be eligible human service agencies.

b. **Must be located and operating in Boulder County.**

2. Project

- a. **Must be capital in nature:** The project must relate to the acquisition, upgrade, or maintenance of physical assets such as property, buildings, or affixed equipment.
 - i. “Affixed equipment” means that the equipment is fixed in position to a building or property as a permanent appendage or as a structural part of the building or property

1. Equipment must be directly and specifically related to the agency mission and program for human services delivery to clients
 2. Examples of allowed equipment include: Permanently affixed furniture, installed medical equipment or food storage systems, etc.
 3. Examples of disallowed equipment include: Computers, office equipment, vans, vehicles, etc.
 4. Solar panels are only allowable if they are permanently affixed to the property/building
- b. Should fall into **one of the following categories**:
- i. Debt Reduction
 - ii. Purchase (acquisition)
 - iii. Construction
 - iv. Improvements and/or Renovations
- c. Applications must include a **Project Description**
- i. Debt Reduction: The capital project is already completed, thus requiring the agency to fully describe the Project in its Application.
 - ii. Purchase (Acquisition)
 1. It is preferred that the agency have a property identified for purchase and that the agency be actively pursuing the acquisition at the time of application.
 2. It is preferred that, at a minimum, an agency have a commitment of sale from the property owner.
 3. The agency must otherwise describe the Project to the fullest extent possible.
 4. Must be able to provide a full Project description no later than **December 15, 2026**.
 - iii. Construction
 1. At a minimum, the agency must have a plan for construction of the Project and must be actively pursuing implementation of the plan.

2. It is preferred that an agency have a fully developed plan for construction, including a timeline and cost projections.
 3. The agency must describe all aspects of the Project that have already commenced and/or been completed.
 4. The agency must otherwise describe the Project to the fullest extent possible.
 5. Must be able to provide a full Project description no later than **December 15, 2026.**
- iv. Improvements and/or Renovations
1. At a minimum, the agency must have a plan for the improvements or renovations of the building/property and must be actively pursuing implementation of the plan.
 2. It is preferred that the agency have a fully developed plan for the improvement or renovation, including a timeline and cost projects.
 3. The agency must describe all aspects of the Project that have already commenced and/or been completed.
 4. The agency must otherwise describe the Project to the fullest extent possible
 5. Must be able to provide a full Project description no later than **December 15, 2026.**
- v. As part of **EACH** Project description, the agency should include in its Application the following information, as applicable:
1. Scope of Project
 2. Timeline of the Project as well as the anticipated expenditure of the Funds
 3. Description of other funds and funding sources secured for the Project (including donations of time and expertise)
 4. Results of feasibility studies
 5. Results of needs assessments
 6. Capital campaign plans
 7. Construction plans

8. Committed community partners and the nature of the partnership for the Project
9. A description of how the Worthy Cause funds will be spent
10. If a full Project description cannot be provided at the time of application, include an estimated date for when it will be submitted to the County.
11. Any other Project details that the Commissioners should consider in evaluating the Application.

3. Funding

- a. Request for funding must be for a **minimum of \$75,000.**
- b. **Award amounts will not exceed 50% of the total Project cost**, even if the project has been/will be funded over multiple years.
- c. **An awardee must commence expenditure of an award for the purpose of the Project within 12 months from the date the Funds are made available to the awardee.**
 - i. In the event that an agency is unable to expend the Funds towards the Project within 12 months, the agency must submit a written request for an Expenditure Extension to the County.
 - ii. The County may withhold disbursement of the Funds until an agency is prepared to expend the Funds towards the Project.
 - iii. The Commissioners may withdraw an award in the event that the agency is unable to expend the Funds within 12 months of the Funds being made available.

4. Property

- a. The Project is or will be **located in Boulder County.**
- b. **The Applicant must own the Property**, whether directly or through a wholly owned subsidiary
 - i. Purchases: Agency or its wholly owned subsidiary will be the purchaser.
 - ii. Awards will NOT be made for Projects located on Property leased by the Applicant with the exception of circumstances where the Applicant's lessor is

- willing to legally secure the County's interest in the Property for a period of 30 years, in recognition of the value of the public investment in the Property.
- c. The Applicant must be occupying the Property or intend to occupy the Property within a reasonable timeframe as determined by the County.
 - d. The Applicant may rent out part or all of the Property.
 - i. The applicant may only rent out the property to other nonprofit human services organizations approved by the County.
 - ii. The Applicant must describe whether it will charge market rate or below market rate.

5. Legal Requirements

- a. **Applicants must satisfy all federal, state, and municipal laws and statutory requirements that apply to the Applicant and the Project at the time of application.**
 - i. Applicants must be in compliance with all laws with respect to the documentation and provision of services to undocumented persons.



Willoughby Corner Affordable Housing Complex, Lafayette

Worthy Cause Award Considerations

Worthy Cause 2027 Pool Funds will be awarded by the Commissioners in consideration of a variety of criteria, including but not limited to:

- The targeted human services population to be served;
- The service delivery model by which the agency provides human services to this population;
- The manner in which the agency and proposed project may fulfill a need identified in a countywide coordinated system or service plan;
- The history and stability of the nonprofit agency;
- Applicants who provide services to clients free of charge or for a low-cost (i.e., not market rate cost of services);
- The role the capital expense will play in adding value to the human service provision in the community and directly helping the agency achieve its mission to serve its clients;
- The agency's financial stability;
- The agency's ability to continuously support and provide services to clients during the construction or purchase of the capital project;
- The timeframe for completion of the project and for anticipated expenditure of county funds;
- The ability of the agency to provide assurances that it will be able to complete the proposed project within its proposed timeframe;
- The existence of other actual or potential sources of funding for the capital expenditure as well as the need for the requested funds; and
- The agency's ability to complete a promissory note and deed of trust, as described in number 3 above.
- Worthy Cause invests in human service nonprofit organizations and housing authorities that advance equity by meeting the needs of historically underserved communities and strengthening the social determinants of health.

Application Questions

Eligibility Questions

1. Project Name
2. Boulder County only funds entities that are 501(c)(3)s. You will be asked to upload proof of your organization's tax-exempt status.
3. Agency is one of the following:
 - Housing Authority means those entities created under the authority of C.R.S. 29-4-201, et seq., or 29-4-501 et seq., which plan, design, construct, purchase, maintain and administer transitional and affordable rental housing units within Boulder County.
 - Human services includes safety net services targeting vulnerable, low-income, high- risk, or other at-risk populations in need of health care, mental health services, food and nutrition, emergency shelter, affordable housing, domestic violence prevention, child care, early childhood education, and supportive social services; also services targeted to serve at- risk youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, or persons in need of basic assistance such as shelter, housing, food, or other immediate assistance.
4. Property is located in Boulder County and clients served are in Boulder County.
5. Agency confirms that it can execute a 99-year agreement. Worthy Cause funding requires an agency to execute a ninety-nine (99) year Funding Agreement, a Promissory Note and Deed of Trust. A Permanent Covenant may also be required.
6. Confirm that you've read and understand the Worthy Cause 2027 Pool Funds Request for Applications document in its entirety before starting your application.

If you answered no to any of the questions above, Worthy Cause Funding may not be the best fit for your agency. If you would like to discuss further or have any questions, please contact Carlene Okiyama via email at cokiyama@bouldercounty.gov.

General Agency Contact Information

Executive Director/President/CEO Name Character

Executive Director/CEO/President Email Address Character

Board President or Chair Name Character

Board President or Chair Email Address Character

Primary Application Contact Person

Racial Equity

1. Describe how you are engaging historically underserved community members in assessing their needs and understanding their ideas for the proposed projects or services related to the proposed project.
2. Describe how your proposed project will help serve historically underserved communities. Include any information on whether the project will build on the strengths or assets of those communities.
3. Describe how your proposed project will enable or ensure that your programs and services will address racial inequities and promote equitable outcomes for historically underserved communities.

The County advises grant recipients that their policies and programs must comply with Colorado and federal anti-discrimination laws as currently interpreted by the courts. Applicants may wish to have their counsel review their application materials before submission to ensure compliance.

Community Need for Services

4. Provide your mission statement.
5. Describe your agency and its primary focus.
6. Outline your strategic goals.
7. Describe how your agency is ensuring it's responding to the lived experience of the population you are serving.
8. Describe how your agency coordinates with other providers offering similar services to prevent duplication. Also explain any partnerships or collaborations you have established to enhance services for your target population.

9. Describe whether clients are ever required to pay for services. If applicable, identify the services that involve client fees, the associated costs, and any sliding-scale or discounted rates offered to low-income clients.

Client Impact

10. Describe the specific target population addressed by your agency's services. If your agency has identified any historically underserved communities, list and describe.

11. Provide data or other information that demonstrates that your organization is serving your target population including but not limited to the data tables below.

Total number of unduplicated population served.

Projected Clients Served	Boulder County
# of Unduplicated Clients	

Geographic location of unduplicated population served.

Location	2027 Projected Clients
Boulder (city)	
Broomfield	
Erie	
Lafayette	
Longmont	
Louisville	
Lyons	
Nederland	
Superior	
Other cities in Boulder County	
Unincorporated Boulder County	
Adams County	

Location	2027 Projected Clients
Gilpin County	
Jefferson County	
Larimer County	
Weld County	
Other Counties	
Location Total	

Age of unduplicated population served.

Age	Boulder County
0-5 Years	
6-12 Years	
13-17 Years	
18-54 Years	
55-84 Years	
85+ Years	
Unknown	
Age Total	

Income level of unduplicated population served. These income guidelines are based on the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development FY 2026. Median Family Income for Boulder County is \$150,000. A guide can be found at the following link - [Income Limits | HUD USER](#)

Income Level	Boulder County
Extremely Low-Income: Less than or equal to 30% Area Median Income (AMI)	
Very Low-Income: 31% - 50% AMI	

Income Level	Boulder County
Low-Income: 51% - 80% AMI	
Median Income: 81% - 100% AMI	
Not Low-Income: Above 100% of AMI	
Unknown	
Income Level Total	

Financial Stability

12. Provide a 2027 organization budget. Use the 2027 Budget template to provide the total agency budget. *Note: this is not your project budget, we will ask you to upload that later.* Please note that you can either use the template provided or upload your existing budget.
13. Explain any agency budget shortfall or excess.
14. Explain your reserve policy and the total amount of the agency's reserves at the time of application and their purpose. If you don't have a reserve policy, explain why.

Community Value of Project

15. Describe the Project including the background of the Project.
16. Describe specifically how funds will be used to support the Project (capital debt reduction, capital purchase, capital construction, capital improvements and/or renovations).
17. Describe the value of the Project to the community.
18. Describe how this Worthy Cause Investment will impact equitable expansion of services and/or equitable improvement to service delivery.
19. Describe any needs assessments or feasibility studies conducted for the

Project, including how you included the voices of underserved communities. If none have been completed, explain why.

Project Readiness

20. Explain how the size and scope of the Project and the anticipated budget is appropriate to meet the agency's needs.
21. Provide the timeline of the Project through completion (including any anticipated planning) and note if/how service delivery will be impacted during implementation, if applicable. ***Upload the Project Plan.***
22. List all partners involved in the Project.

Financial Readiness

23. Amount Requested. Please note that only requests of \$75,000 or greater can be funded.
24. Is the total amount requested for this project at or under 50% of the total project cost? Worthy Cause funding can cover up to 50% of the total cost of a project. This is true even if the same project has been/will be funded by Worthy Cause funds over multiple years.
25. Provide the total cost of the Project. ***Upload the Project Budget.***
26. Provide the portion of the Project's total cost that has already been secured from funding sources other than Worthy Cause.
27. List all confirmed or potential funding sources. If relevant, describe any active or planned capital campaigns, as well as any strategies for securing additional revenue.
28. If seeking funding for debt reduction on the Project, provide the status and amount of the debt at the time of application (amount paid down, balance due, etc.).
29. Provide the total amount of current financial encumbrances (including liens, deeds of trusts, etc.) on the property. Note that except for a request to purchase, a current Owners & Encumbrance (O&E) report must be uploaded

in the Required Documents section.

Project Property Details will not be evaluated

- Provide the address or legal description of the property where the Project is/will be located.
- Provide the length of time the agency has owned the property where the Project will take place. If the property is not currently owned, include the anticipated timeline for taking ownership.
- Provide the estimated value of the property where the Project will take place. Note that documentation of the property value must be uploaded in the Required Documents section.

Required Documents

- Project Plan. Upload your project plan (i.e. timeline, drawings, budget, narrative description of project).
- Project Budget. Upload your project budget.
- Proof of tax-exempt status. Upload your 501(c)(3) determination letter from the IRS as proof of your organization's tax-exempt status. If you are a housing authority, upload a memo explaining such.
- Ownership & Encumbrance (O&E) Report. Upload your Ownership & Encumbrance (O&E) report dated within a year. If you don't currently own the property, upload a file explaining such and include your plan to purchase the property.
- Assessors Valuation Report or Appraisal Report. Upload an Assessors Valuation Report or Appraisal Report for the property dated within a year. If you don't currently own the property, upload a file showing the estimated value of the property.

- 2026 or most recent audit. Upload your 2026 or most recent audit. If your audit is too large to upload and available online, provide a document with the online link.
- Balance Sheet. Upload your balance sheet.
- Profit & Loss Statement. Upload your profit & loss statement.

Evaluation Criteria

- Racial Equity – 24 points
- Community Need for Services – 15 points
- Client Impact – 15 points
- Financial Stability – 10 points
- Community Value (of project) – 20 points
- Project Readiness – 6 points
- Financial Readiness – 10 points

Evaluation Scoring Rubric

Racial Equity – 24 points

Question 1. Successful applicant describes intentional efforts to engage historically underserved community members in assessing their needs and understanding their ideas for the proposed projects or services related to the proposed project.

Question 2. Successful applicant adequately describes how the project will help serve historically underserved communities. Additional points will be given to projects that build on the strengths or assets of underserved communities.

Question 3. Successful applicant adequately describes how the proposed project will enable or ensure that the applicant's programs and services will address racial inequities and promote equitable outcomes for historically underserved communities. Data collection and analysis, including disaggregated data by client demographic, that supports this response is encouraged.

Community Need for Services – 15 points

Question 5 to Question 9

Successful applicant demonstrates they are essential providers of human services or affordable housing. The agency description, primary focus, and strategic goals align with this purpose. The applicant shows that it responds to the lived experience of the

population that it serves, including, if applicable, how the applicant addresses fees for services. Successful applicant coordinates with other providers to prevent duplication of services and/or to enhances services to the target population.

Client Impact – 15

Question 10 & Question 11

Successful applicant clearly identifies target population and provides data or other information that demonstrates that the organization is serving its target population, including, but not limited to, the data table provided. If the agency identifies historically underserved communities as a target population, that population is listed and described with meaningful details such as demographics and geography.

Financial Stability – 10

Question 12 to Question 14

Successful applicant provides a 2027 total agency budget that is detailed, accurate, and reflects strong financial management. Any budget shortfall or excess is clearly explained and indicates responsible planning. The applicant's reserves at the time of application serve an appropriate purpose and reserve policy, if any, demonstrates long-term financial stability.

Community Value (of project) – 20

Question 15 to Question 19

Successful applicant describes the project and background in detail. The applicant provides specific and understandable information on how funds will be used to support the project (i.e. capital debt reduction, capital purchase, capital construction, capital improvements and/or renovations). The applicant demonstrates the Project has substantial value to the community, including showing how the project will equitably expand or improve service delivery.

Successful applicants completed a needs assessment or feasibility study for the Project, including information on how the Applicant considered the voices of underserved community in the assessment or study. Alternatively, if no assessment or study was

conducted, the Applicant provides a clear and reasonable explanation for the lack of such a study.

Project Readiness – 6

Question 20 to Question 22

The project's size, scope, and budget are well-justified and aligned with agency needs. The timeline is realistic and achievable within the next 12 months, and the Applicant adequately addresses any service delivery impacts during project implementation. Project partners are clearly identified with defined roles.

Financial Readiness – 10

Question 23 to Question 28

Applicant provides project budget that includes total costs. Project budget identifies the portion of the Project's total cost that has been secured from funding sources other than Worthy Cause. All confirmed or potential funding sources are included, and any active or planning funding campaigns or strategies for securing additional revenue are specified. For debt reduction projects, the Applicant provides status and amount of the debit at time of application, including amount paid down, balance due, and other relevant financial information. Applicant provides total amount of current financial encumbrances at time of application, including, if required, an Owners and Encumbrance report. Successful applicants demonstrate strong fiscal capacity and a fully fundable project.

Terms and Conditions for Request for Applications

1. In order to ensure that the Funds are secure, following an award of Worthy Cause funds, the County requires that the agency provide documentation related to property value and title prior to a Funding Agreement being executed. If an agency sells its property, the Worthy Cause funds may be reinvested by the agency into another qualifying capital project or remitted back to Boulder County's Worthy Cause Pool Fund. Please view the sample Funding Agreement and Exhibits to fully understand the obligations of a Funds recipient. The sample Funding Agreement and Exhibits can be found on the [Boulder County Worthy Cause website](#).
2. Applicants are expected to understand the nature of the program and further understand and agree to perform the program obligations and requirements. This information can be found in this document, and in the sample contracting documents, available for review on the [Boulder County Worthy Cause website](#).
3. Failure to understand the Worthy Cause obligations at the time of application will be at the Applicants' own risk. The County may withdraw a Worthy Cause award if the awardee declines to agree to program terms as specified in this document and the sample contracting documents.
4. Each Applicant must provide all the information required in this document and complete the online application in its entirety.
5. Funding decisions will be made by the Board of County Commissioners, and awards will be made to those Applicants whose applications are considered to be most advantageous to the County of Boulder based upon performance measures and other factors that may be considered by the Commissioners.
6. The County may reject late or incomplete applications. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the application is received by the County by the specified due date.
7. Funding is contingent on the receipt of sales and use tax revenues through the Worthy Cause tax. There is no guarantee that Worthy Cause awards will be made in any given year.

8. Applications submitted in response to this Solicitation and any resulting agreement are subject to the provisions of the Colorado Public (Open) Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-201 et seq., as amended. Any information or documentation received by the County or executed pursuant to the program cannot be considered confidential.

Post-Award Obligations

Awardees will be required to sign a Funding Agreement and execute a Promissory Note and Deed of Trust and may be required to execute a Restrictive Covenant (the “Contract Documents”) before Funds can be disbursed. The Contract Documents grant the County the right to monitor and enforce successful completion of the Project and continued service delivery through the awardee’s program. The County will record certain Contract Documents to legally secure the County’s interest in the Property for a period of 30 years, in recognition of the value of the public investment in the Property.

Each Applicant should read and review the sample Contract Documents before submitting an application for consideration. The County is not obligated to alter any terms of the Contract Documents. Applicants that request changes to the Contract Documents should describe their proposed changes in their application.

Depending on the length of time that has passed between application and award disbursement, agencies may be required to submit an updated Property appraisal and title report to the County during the contracting process. The County may choose to accept other forms of proof of Property value and title history.

Additional Considerations

Funding Priority: All eligible projects will be considered for funding.

Incomplete Project Description: The Commissioners recognize that not all capital opportunities for 2027 projects may be known in full detail or identified in detail prior to the Application deadline. Therefore, the Commissioners retain the right to delay disbursing part of the 2027 Worthy Cause funds to allow agencies to more fully develop their proposals.

Future Funding Cycles: Worthy Cause IV will be funded through sales tax revenues through 2033. Any Applicant seeking funding in this cycle may also apply for Worthy Cause Pool Funds in future years regardless of whether or not the agency has received Worthy Cause funding in prior years. Although it is helpful for the Commissioners to be aware of an agency's intent to apply for Worthy Cause funding in future years, funding for future years cannot be guaranteed.

Changes to Application: The Commissioners may disallow funding to any agency that makes substantial changes to the scope or concept of its proposed Worthy Cause project or project concept after submission of its application for Worthy Cause funding or after a Worthy Cause award is made. If any agency selected for capital funding significantly or fundamentally changes its project scope, timing, location, design, or population to be served, it must request Commissioner approval of the changes in writing. Approval of any changes shall be made at the sole discretion of the Board of County Commissioners. In the event an agency changes the scope or concept of its proposed project before or after receipt of awards, the Commissioners retain the discretion to approve or disapprove the changed proposal or to withdraw the award based on the proposed changes.

Delays in Start of Project: Applicants are encouraged to start expenditure of any awarded monies on the Project within 12 months of the date the Funds are made available. If an agency is unable, for any reason, to accept and expend its allocation within this timeframe, the agency must contact the Community Services Worthy Cause office with an explanation of the reason for the delay of Funds expenditure. Examples of

reasonable rationale for delay of expenditure of the Funds include construction delays, challenges in obtaining leveraged matching funds, or other commonly occurring types of construction/renovation delays that impact capital projects.

Sustainability: Applicants are encouraged to consider how environmentally sustainable, green building standards can be incorporated into their Project, if applicable.

Board of County Commissioners Approval: The Commissioners shall have sole discretion to approve or disapprove any delayed expenditure of Worthy Cause 2027 funds. If disapproved, the allocation may be recovered by the Commissioners and/or re-allocated to the Worthy Cause Pool for the current or subsequent years, at the Commissioners' sole discretion.



Community Room inside Bluebird Permanent Supportive Housing