

MentorMe

A project of MBK ABQ, the City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Community Foundation and the My Brother's Keeper Alliance

PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Application Deadline: May 31, 2018 at 5pm MT

Proposals may only be submitted online through the Albuquerque Community Foundation

Did you know that youth who are at-risk for falling off track but have a mentor are:

- 55% more likely to enroll in college
- 78% more likely to volunteer regularly
- 130% more likely to hold leadership positions

And 90% are interested in becoming mentors themselves.

MentorMe is a first-of-its-kind grant opportunity for nonprofit organizations that are providing creative and innovative mentorship opportunities to benefit **young men of color (YMOC)** in the Greater Albuquerque Area.

A partnership between My Brother's Keeper Alliance, the City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Community Foundation, *MentorMe* will award a total of \$100,000 to 4-5 organizations working in various mentorship capacities in the Greater Albuquerque Area. The minimum grant size will be \$20,000 and the maximum will be \$25,000. Organizations providing mentorship through: education, the arts, juvenile justice system, job training and daily life are encouraged to apply.

What You Need to Know:

- *MentorMe* is focused on supporting and strengthening mentorship programs for YMOC in the Greater Albuquerque Area.
- Applications must be serving YMOC (11 – 24 years old) in the following areas: Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia and/or Tarrant counties.
- Applicants can only submit one proposal.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply in partnership with other organizations wherever applicable and feasible.

Eligible organizations must be:

- exempt from U.S. federal income tax pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and classified as a public charity under section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) of the Code; and/or
- an educational institution or governmental entity;

- located anywhere in the United States, however a local partner supporting the Greater Albuquerque Area is required.

Requirements:

- Proposal Narrative/Questions (application is available on the Albuquerque Community Foundation's website)
- List of outcomes and outputs
- Evaluation plan
- A detailed project budget relating to this request
- Most recent financial statements. Audited financial statements are required if your organization has an operating budget of \$500,000 or more
- Current list of Board of Directors
- List of key staff and brief statement of capability of personnel responsible for this grant, (no résumés)

Funding Areas:

Mentoring, at its core, guarantees young people that there is someone who cares about them, assures them they are not alone in dealing with day-to-day challenges and makes them feel like they matter. Research confirms that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic and professional situations. Ultimately, mentoring connects a young person to personal growth and development and social and economic opportunity.

This grant program is intended to support nonprofit organizations that utilize mentorship as a way to keep YMOC on stable paths through life, while reducing the likelihood of incarceration/crime, homelessness and/or increased dependence on drugs and alcohol. Key mentorship areas for this grant opportunity include:

1. Education: Research shows that students who meet regularly with their mentors are 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip a class. Further, young adults who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55% more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor. Programs applying in this area should have a focus on leveraging mentors as a way to increase students' attendance, support their academic achievements, promote a positive attitude about school and facilitate a future of higher education (including two-year and four-year colleges).
2. Arts: Youth who have a creative outlet have been shown to have an elevated interest in professional careers, education and volunteering in the community than youth without access to arts. Programs applying in this category will focus on organizations using mentorship in the arts as a way to engage youth in a healthy future.
3. Juvenile Justice: Youth who have a history in the juvenile justice system face increased odds of incarceration as adults. Programs applying in this category should strive to break the cycle of incarceration through mentorship programs that work within the juvenile justice system (or work with individuals who have recently exited the system) to help reduce repeated and future incarceration rates.

4. Job Training: Programs applying in this category will support mentors who prepare their mentees for professional careers and assist with their workplace skills by: helping set career goals and taking the steps to realize them; using personal contacts to help young people network with industry professionals, find internships, and locate possible jobs; introducing young people to resources and organizations they may not be familiar with; sharing skills for seeking a job, interviewing for a job, and keeping a job.
5. Daily Life: Consistent adult presence in a young person's life can help a young person navigate challenges in daily life such as family conflict, peer pressure, bullying, gang activities and drug/alcohol abuse. Studies show that youth who meet regularly with their mentors are: 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking. Programs applying in this category should offer mentorship programs that address the everyday obstacles youth may face as they navigate their daily journey into adulthood.

Narrative:

While the *MentorMe* application will be online via the Albuquerque Community Foundation website starting May 1, the following bullets indicate information which will be required in various questions in the online application.

- Your organization and/or program's mission and goals.
- Description of program for which you are applying for funds (this should include the need for the program, the population who will benefit and the approximate number of people the program will serve).
- How your program fits into one (or more) of the above described funding areas. A stronger application will show how your program fits into multiple funding areas.
- A set of quantitative outputs.
- A set of qualitative outcomes.
- Description for measuring and evaluating the outputs and outcomes of your program.
- How you are collaborating – sharing talent and resources with other organizations in our community.
- How you are ensuring equity to facilitate mentorship opportunities for YMOC.
- Start and end dates of the program, if not ongoing. If this is a new program, you will need to provide an explanation for how the program will be sustained financially beyond the grant period.

Applicants that do not meet the requirements or that submit an application that fails to address every one of these bullets will not be considered.

Proposals must be received by 5pm MT on Thursday, May 31, 2018

No exceptions can be made for late proposals.

Timeline:

May 1	RFP Opens
May 31	RFP Closes at 5pm MT
June 11 - 15	Grant Panel reviews proposals and finalists are determined
June 28	Grant Panel and Presentations
July 2018	Awards Announced