

**Strengthening Communities Fund  
Questions from the Applicants' Conference  
March 24, 2011**

- 1. What if you're a brand new organization – can an organization that just incorporated in apply?**

Yes, your organization must be incorporated by the application deadline of March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

- 2. Are for profits eligible also?**

No, this program is specifically for non-profits.

- 1. If my organization is in the downtown area, can we market to people in the southwest area?**

Yes you can.

- 2. For a faith-based entity, can the board be the trustees of the church?**

Yes.

- 3. Can you hire a bookkeeper with these funds?**

Not as a staff member for your organization. The funds can be used to contract with a bookkeeping service to help you get started or set up accounts that will help you with your accounting needs.

- 4. Will you allow contractors to train staff on use of and set up software?**

Yes.

- 5. Does the actual property have to be in the described area?**

The facility where services are provided must be in the area.

- 6. How can I find this information that's being presented?**

The Request For Applications and the Frequently Asked Questions are both on the New Futures for Youth website: [www.newfuturesforyouth.org](http://www.newfuturesforyouth.org)

- 7. What are organizational infrastructure, functions and procedures as described in the RFA?**

An example of organizational infrastructure is building board capacity; a function would be developing internal controls; a procedure would be working on the way you implement programs.

**8. How do we figure out how to allocate the \$20,000?**

That is essentially up to the organization. New Futures will provide advice when the initial organizational assessment and action plans are completed following selection of the 12 organizations. From there a budget will be done.

**11. Do funds have to be expended by the end of September 2011?**

Yes.

**12. What is the lowest score that got funded last time?**

84.

**13. Is there a list of last year's grant recipients?**

Yes. We will add them to the website.

**14. Can applications be submitted online?**

No. You must turn in one original application and 5 copies.

**15. What is the earliest you will take the applications?**

Applications may be turned in immediately

**16. Will you issue a receipt when you receive the application?**

Yes, we will give you a dated and signed receipt.

**17. What is the start date?**

The proposed timeline for the initiative is included in the Request for Application.

**18. If the assessment reveals we may need board training, can we get who we want to do the training?**

That is a possibility. The final decision will be made in consultation with New Futures' staff.

**19. What if we have a question later on?**

You can email Mark Perry at [mwperry@newfuturesforyouth.org](mailto:mwperry@newfuturesforyouth.org)  
He will let you know that the question was received and post the answer on the New Futures website: [www.newfuturesforyouth.org](http://www.newfuturesforyouth.org)

**20. What format is the RFA in on the website?**

It is a PDF file. You will need Adobe Reader to view it.

**21. Department of Workforce Services Bonus: Does it include partnering on events?**

Absolutely. You will need a letter from DWS on their letterhead.

**22. Can you have a title page?**

Yes.

**23. If transportation is an issue, can the organization purchase a car?**

No.

**24. Can someone inside the organization be paid to do grant writing?**

No

**25. How long will New Futures work with the organization?**

New Futures will work with the organization through the funding period.

**26. Is this a one-time award?**

Yes. If you received funds last time you are not eligible this time. This is the last year for the awards.

**27. When will the 10 workshops be offered?**

May through September of 2011.

**28. Accounting: If we need help do we pay New Futures?**

No

**29. Can two organizations work out of the same physical location?**

Yes

**30. Can two organizations working out of the same location provide services to participants in different parts of the program area?**

Yes

**31. Is an organization located outside the program area eligible?**

Yes, if it provides services through a physical location in the program area.