

Reproductive Justice Fund Downstream Services



Community Health Committee

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Current Landscape



Health Education

Harris Co.: \$2.7 million
Austin: \$200,000
St. Louis: \$161,852



Ob-Gyn Access & Wraparound Care

Harris Co: \$1.3 million
New York: \$2.2 million+
St. Louis: \$288,721



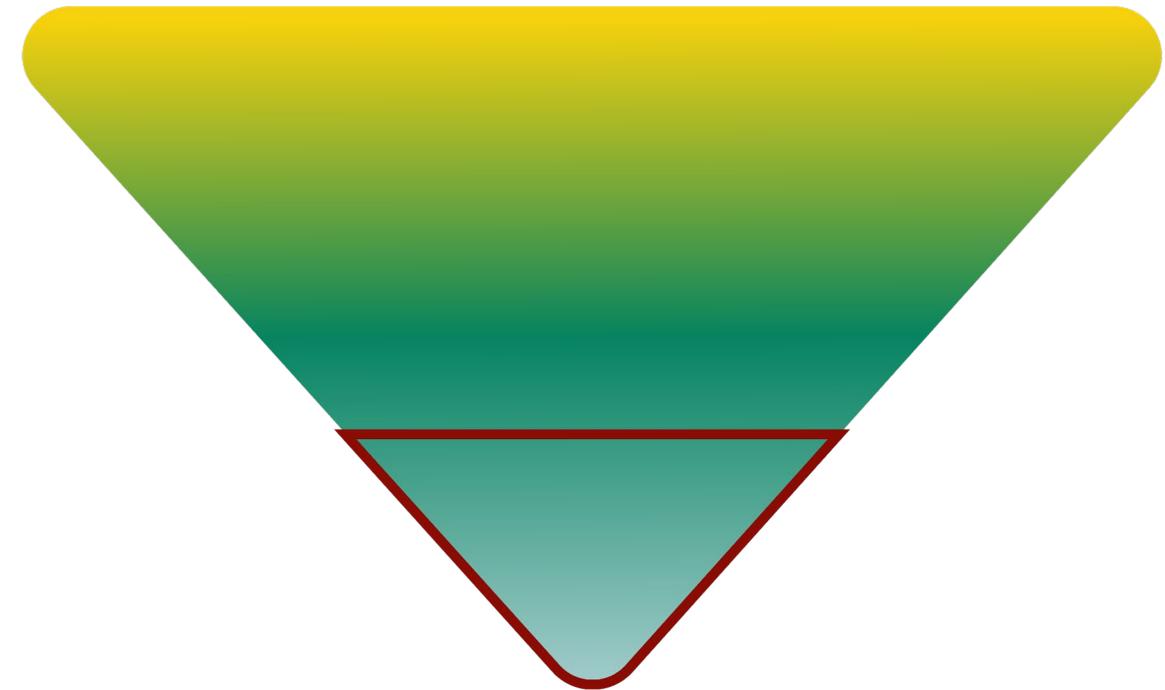
Abortion Access

Austin: \$550,000
Columbus, OH: \$1 million
New York: \$2.25 million
Chicago: \$2.5 million
Seattle: \$1.5 million
Portland: \$200,000

Downstream Examples

- Home Pregnancy Tests
- Emergency Contraception
- Subsidized Doulas
- African American Maternal Mental Health Care Visits
- STI Testing and Treatment
- Transportation to Prenatal Care
- Transportation to Abortion Care

Downstream



RFP Awards Executed Nov. 2024



6% Upstream (\$29,951)

35% Midstream (\$174,713)

59% Downstream (\$294,515)

Total Awarded Amount: \$499,179

Abortion Navigation



- In the first request for proposals, transportation to abortion care services was optional, along with many other services.
- None of the four awardees proposed abortion transportation or navigation.
- Two respondents included these services as an element of a broader package (*Beat AIDS Coalition Trust and Parenting Plus*)
 - *Parenting Plus* advanced to the interview phase but was not recommended for award.
- Abortion navigation was not addressed by any of the other respondents.

District 6 Memo



- Memo from District 6 was received on November 22, 2024
- Purpose to provide downstream services that were not met through the already awarded funds (ie, \$500K allocation)
- Request is for an additional \$100K targeted downstream activities; solicitation/eligibility restricted to the original ten applicants
- Same scoring matrix will be used
- Timeline is 30-day solicitation followed by 30-day review and scoring period
- Deliberation at City Council A Session: Date TBD

Potential Barriers



- Potential litigation threat and Open Records Requests may serve as a deterrent for some providers
- Organizations struggled with:
 - Quick-turnaround Solicitation
 - Contracting Requirements
 - Prohibition on Advance Payments
- Local Preference Points disadvantaged some applicants with experience in Reproductive Justice



Thank You

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