

# **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

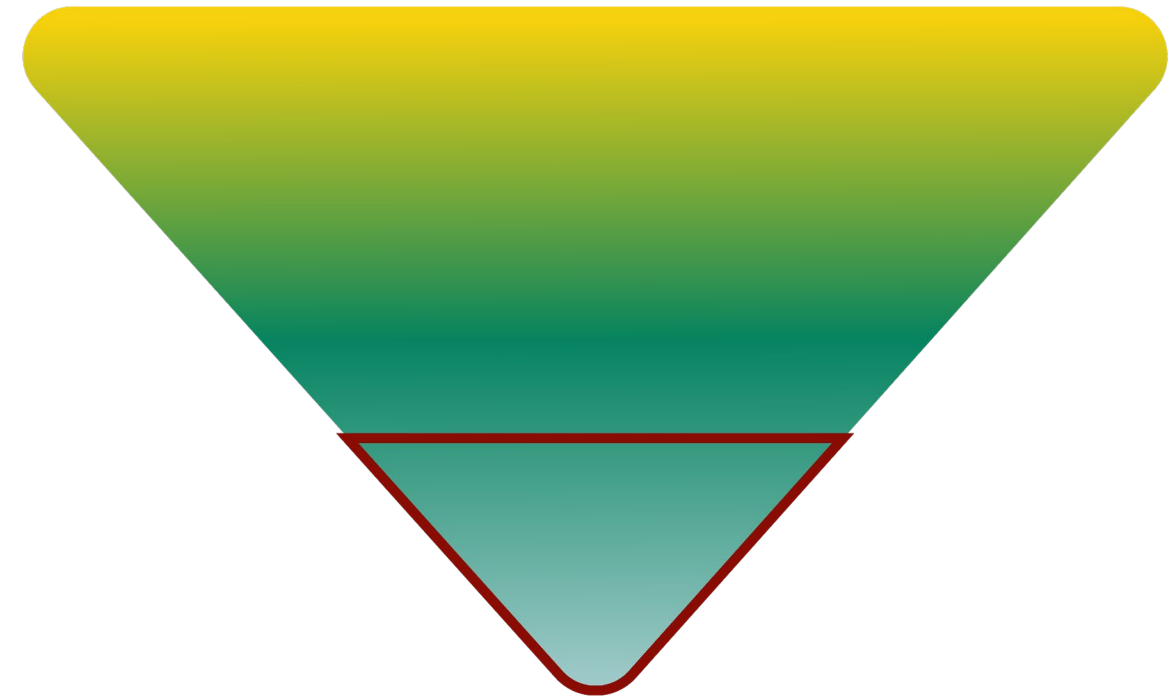
**Seattle:** \$1.5 million

**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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