# Special Partnership Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas) has expanded and modified the Partnership Grant Program (PGP) for 2020 to assist in affordable housing or stimulating small business development. FHLB Dallas is making available \$2.3 million in funds and will provide a 5:1 match to member contributions up to \$30,000 to assist members in helping community-based organizations (CBOs) involved with affordable housing, stimulating small business or providing small businesses assistance.

# My organization has not filed our 2019 taxes, can we submit our 2018 tax return?

If a 2019 return has not been filed, we will accept other 2019 financial information such as a compilation of revenue. FY2019 financial information is required as one of the CBO qualifications.

## Can we use PGP to help our community with the response to COVID-19?

Yes! FHLB Dallas has expanded and modified the PGP for 2020 to assist members in helping CBOs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### When can I apply for the funds?

Applications are available April 20, 2020, through May 8, 2020. All applications must be received no later than May 8, 2020.

# What type of CBOs can apply?

Organizations that are involved in affordable housing, stimulating small business development or providing small business technical assistance can apply for Partnership Grant Program funds through an FHLB Dallas member institution. The organization must be located in FHLB Dallas' five-state District of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Mississippi or Texas.

# My organization is providing services to assist with the community impact from COVID-19, but is not involved in affordable housing or economic development. Can we still apply for PGP funds?

FHLB Dallas is making direct charitable contributions to a number of organizations in the hardest hit communities in our five-state District, which include select food banks. If the organization is not already involved with affordable housing, stimulating small business development or providing small business technical assistance, then it is not eligible to apply for the PGP. Organizations such as food pantries, day care centers and churches are examples of ineligible organizations.

# If my organization has previously maxed out on the PGP lifetime cap, can we apply for the 2020 PGP?

Yes. For 2020 only, the lifetime cap stipulation is waived. Any organization that has previously maxed out, may apply again. Additionally, PGP grants awarded in 2020 will not apply to an organization's lifetime cap.

#### How do we submit our application for PGP funds?

An individual from the member institution must email the application and supporting documentation to



### Will you allow electronic signatures for the application?

If you are working remotely and do not have printing/scanning capabilities, an electronic signature using software such as DocuSign will be permitted. If a generated signature is used, such as the PDF generated signature, we will require an individual listed on the member's signature card with Advances or AHP authority to send an email attesting to the PGP application. The email must come from the member's account, not a personal email address.

## What is the selection process for awarding PGP funds?

Applications are selected through a lottery system. Money is not allocated to each state. However, the initial lottery is one per state. After that, the applications are pooled together for a general lottery. If a CBO submits multiple applications through different member institutions, all applications from that CBO will be grouped together and counted as one for the lottery drawing.