



## Request for Proposals Bay Area Impact Volunteering Program

### Deadline Extension for Bay Area Impact Volunteering Program Proposals

In order to accommodate applicants and potential applicants to the Bay Area Impact Volunteering Program, the application period has been extended to April 29, 2016.

Cities of Service is a national nonprofit organization that supports mayors and city chief executives to engage local communities and residents in identifying challenges and solving problems together. Our signature impact volunteering approach recasts residents as co-producers to work side by side with government to create real and lasting change. Citizen volunteers effectively engaged by local leadership become more invested in driving and delivering results for their communities.

With generous support from the Walmart Foundation, Cities of Service is launching a regional impact volunteering grant program for the Bay Area. Under this award, selected cities will address local disaster preparedness or response challenges through an impact volunteering initiative. With impact volunteering, city leadership, resident volunteers, and community partners can make meaningful progress on pressing local issues together, and in doing so strengthen their ability to respond to a wide variety of future challenges.

Projects must engage resident volunteers in disaster preparedness, mitigation, or recovery activities that will help a city to be more resilient. For an example of an impact volunteering initiative focused on natural disaster recovery, review our [Storm Busters blueprint](#). Participating cities can implement an impact volunteering initiative that is based on existing programs or is a newly designed initiative. Proposals that build on existing city programs must outline new or expanded impact for consideration.

Impact volunteering goes beyond the number of hours served or volunteers registered and measures progress towards specific goals and long-term outcomes. Core components of the Cities of Service impact volunteering program model are:

- Leadership and active involvement from an elected chief executive of the city, preferably the mayor
- Collaboration with citizens and community partners including corporations, local nonprofits, universities, and other community-based groups
- Deliberative program planning with targeted strategies and service goals
- Rigorous project implementation and performance management

Up to six cities will be selected to implement a discrete impact volunteering initiative that advances local resilience and preparedness, with awards ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Funds may only be used for the purposes specified in the initiative submitted as part of the application. Funds may not be used to pay a Chief Service Officer's (CSO) salary or benefits; nor may they be used to hire new city staff. No portion of the grant funds may be used to furnish goods, services or facilities to, pay compensation to or the expenses of, or in any manner give preferential treatment to, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., and its affiliates.

Applicants must be cities within the nine counties of the Bay Area (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma) and have a minimum population of 40,000 residents to be eligible for this award. Applications must be submitted by city hall. Applications from nonprofits or other external groups on behalf of the mayor will not be accepted. Please contact [info@citiesofservice.org](mailto:info@citiesofservice.org) with any questions.

The application is due on April 29, 2016. Cities will receive notification regarding their application in early May 2016. Cities of Service will host a required orientation and program launch in the Bay Area for winning cities the week of May 23.

### Application Instructions

Applications must be submitted by **11:59pm Eastern time on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have any questions, please contact us via email ([info@citiesofservice.org](mailto:info@citiesofservice.org)) or phone (646.324.8402).

Cities of Service's funding opportunity applications are available through <https://www.grantinterface.com/citiesofservice/Common/LogOn.aspx>.

If your city has not previously used this system, you must create a new account. Below are some resources to guide you through this process:

- Application document tutorial: <https://app.box.com/s/luks6ckh1pydgbnrjze9>
- Applicant Registration Video Tutorial: <http://youtu.be/etScRJXC2bE>

Once you are logged into the system, follow these steps to access the application:

- On the left navigation panel, click on the "Apply" link
- **The Access Code for this application is BayArea**



- After clicking on the "Enter Code" button, you will see a link to the Cities of Service Bay Area Resilience Grant Program application.
- You can save your work in draft form as often as you would like until you are ready to submit the application.