Baltimore Community-Based Organizations Are Encouraged to Submit an Application for Funding for Social-Emotional Learning and Development Programs

BALTIMORE, MD (Wednesday, August 10, 2022) – Today, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) Director Shantay Jackson announced a Request for Applications (RFA) for Baltimore community-based organizations to receive funding for Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) and Development programs. For this grant, MONSE will award up to three recipients focused on the development of elementary and middle school-aged youth.

SEL can be broadly defined as the process through which all people acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions. MONSE is looking for 1-3 organizations to support students in Baltimore City Schools to deepen their competence in these five areas:

- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Social awareness
- Relationship skills
- Responsible decision-making

“Public safety begins with prioritizing our youth and supporting those who are dedicated to the cultivation of their promise and growth,” said Director Shantay Jackson of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement. “We remain eager to support and invest in our community-based partners as we continue to tap into their crucial resources and forge ahead in the co-production of public safety across all of Baltimore’s communities.”

Community-based organizations interested in receiving SEL funds are encouraged to submit an application if the following is applicable:
1. Organization has a history of being a Baltimore City centric community-based organization with skills in engaging and working directly with Baltimore youth, particularly those from marginalized backgrounds.

2. Organization can provide evidence of substantial experience providing training and technical assistance to primary school children with a special focus on addressing trauma and healing.

3. Organization can provide a letter of support from another community-based organization or agency within Baltimore City.

4. Organization has evidence of being in good standing as a business/organization with the State of Maryland or has a fiscal sponsor that is an organization in good standing with the State.

5. Organization is a 501(c)(3) public charity and not a private foundation under 509(a)(1), (2), (3), or (4) or a relationship with a fiscal sponsor that meets this definition.

6. Organization has a physical office within Baltimore City limits.

Applications for funding should be submitted no later than **Friday, September 9, 2022** through **MONSE’s Grant Application Portal**.

Organizations can apply for any amount up to $234,400 for a grant term applicable from October 3, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Questions related to this RFA should be sent to **monse.grants@baltimorecity.gov**.