Frequently Asked Questions
2021 Equitable Homeless System Design
Letter of Interest (LOI)

1. What is the deadline for spending out the $200,000?
   Grant funds will be distributed in two phases: the first phase to support project planning and the second to support strategy implementation. We hope that implementation plans are finalized by July 2021 so that services will be under way by Q4 2021, but all funds do not need to be expended by December 31, 2021.

2. What if our community wants to invest in a staff position (FTE) that will focus on this? Are there options for sustainable funding sources?
   This funding opportunity is only for 2021. We do not know of any current fund sources that will be able to provide sustainability to these funds. However, we will be working with the grantee communities and other funders to share what we are learning and amplify the need for continued support of successful strategies.

3. If we are currently getting funding from the Department of Commerce for the Diversion pilot, can we also receive this funding?
   Yes. Receiving other funds or being part of other projects has no bearing on eligibility for this opportunity.

4. Is this funding only available for new programs, projects, or interventions?
   This funding could be used to start something new or to build on an intervention already happening in your community. Strong responses will clearly explain how this project will be razor-focused on better meeting the needs of families of color within the homeless system, whether through the launch, expansion, or enhancement of a community’s response and effort.