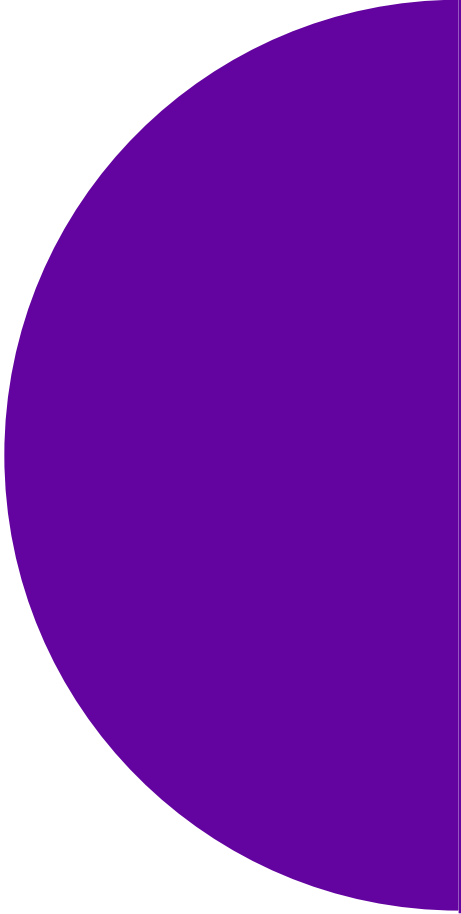
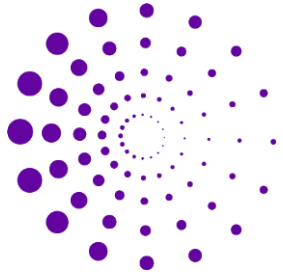


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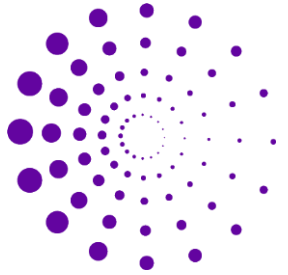


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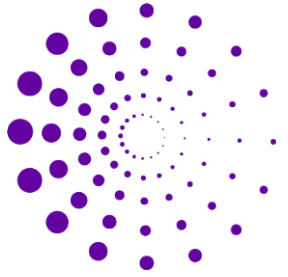
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- Karmit Bulman, Executive Director
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- Beth Steinhorn, President
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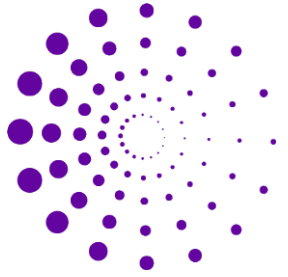
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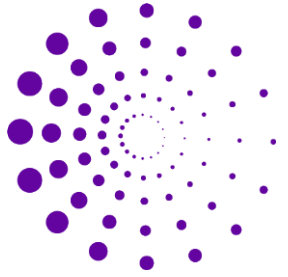
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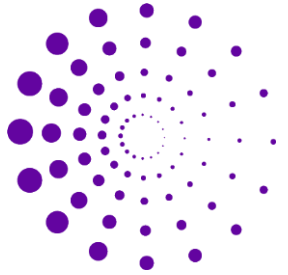
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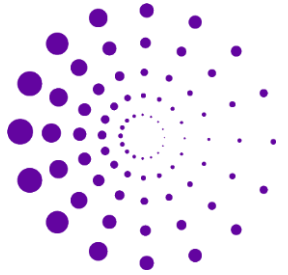
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Staff or other resources to support increased volunteerism



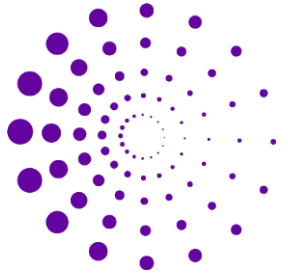
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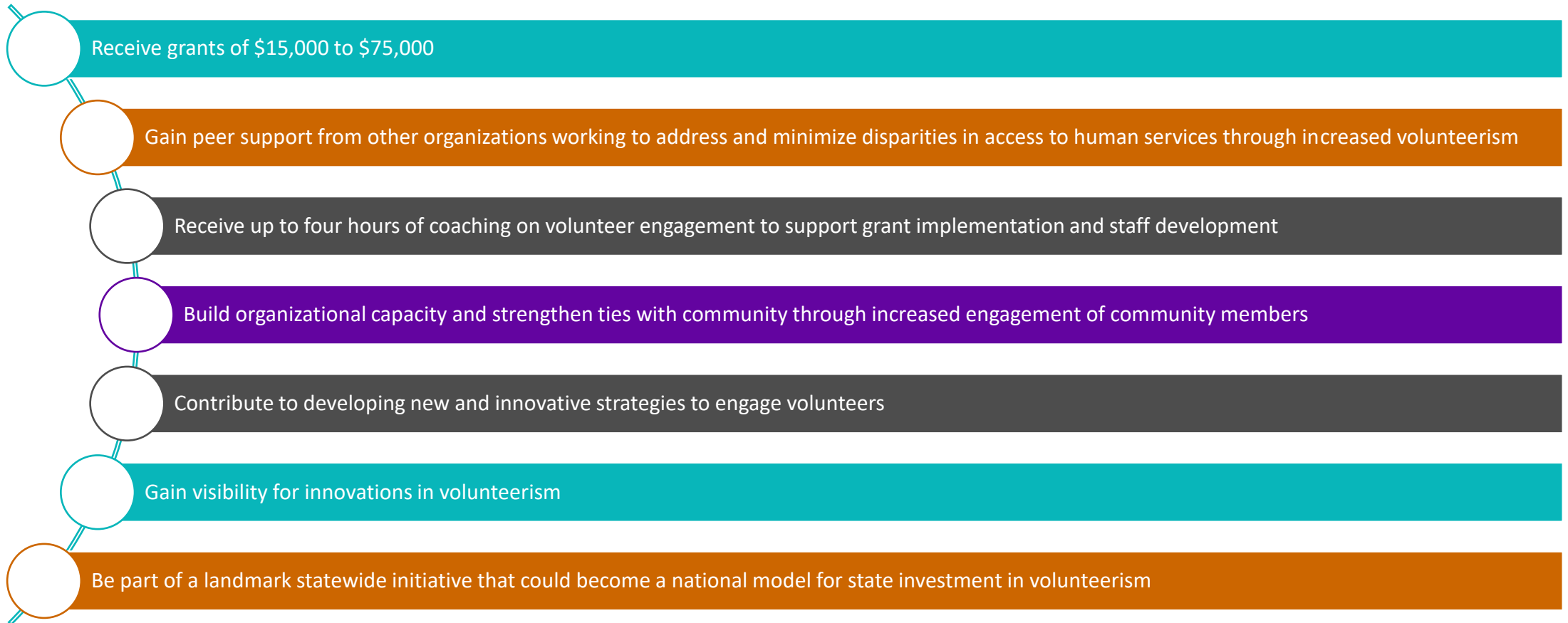
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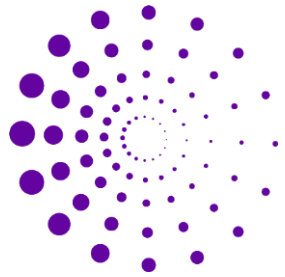
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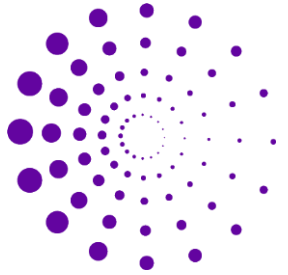
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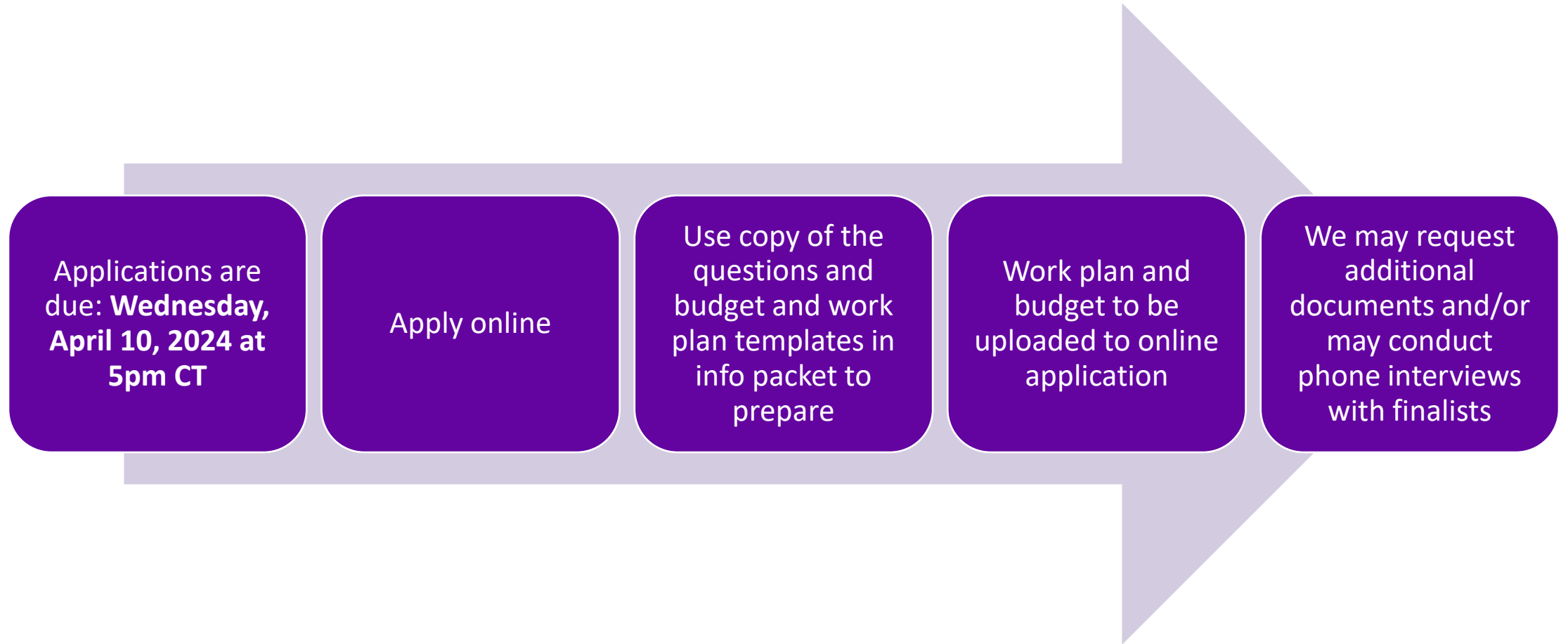


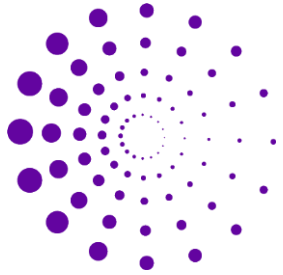
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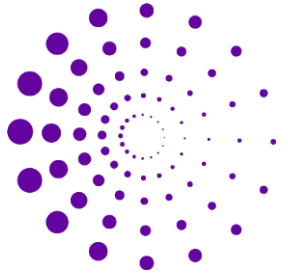
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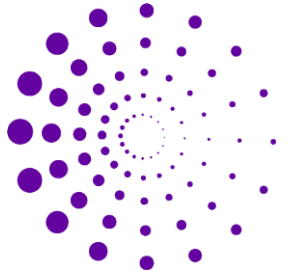
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Independent reviewers
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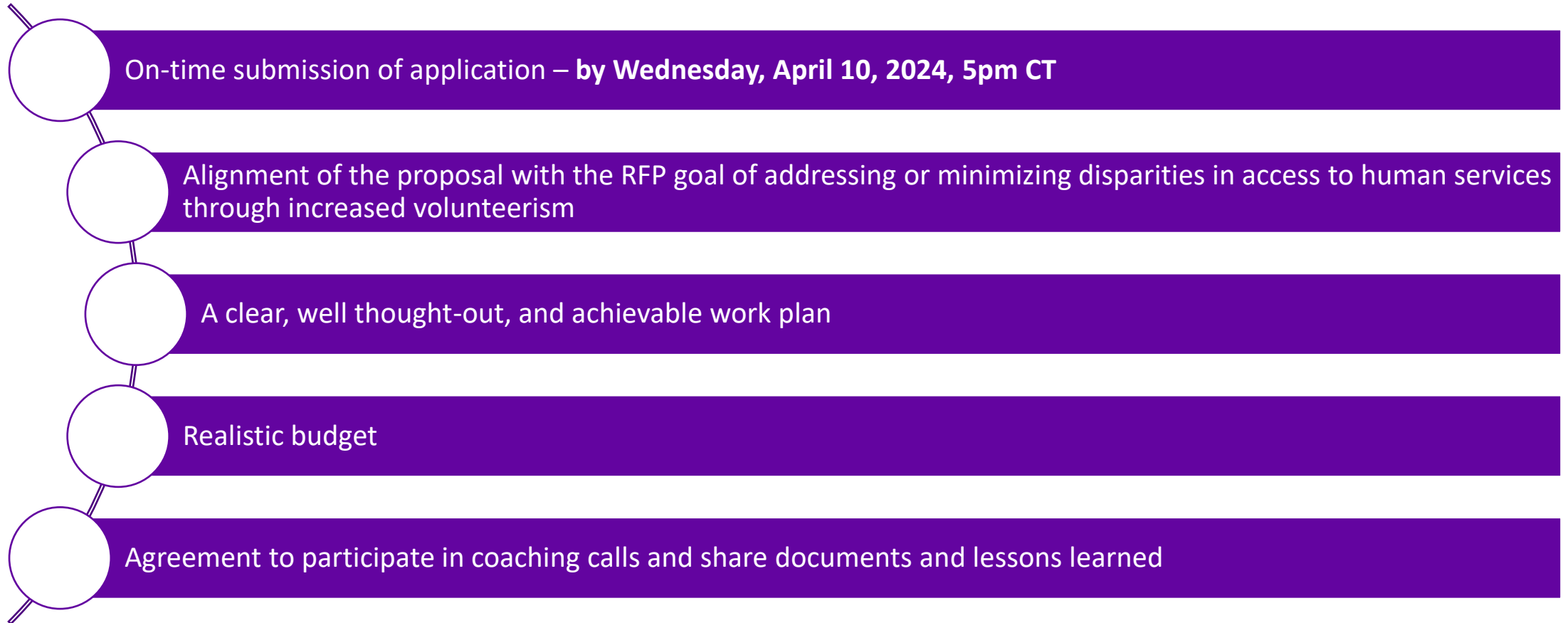
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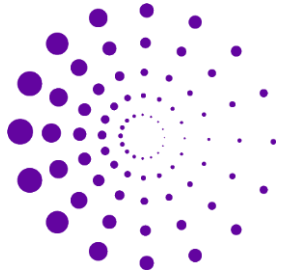
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Scoring Rubric

Reviewer	Applicant 1	Applicant 2	Applicant 3	Applicant 4	Applicant 5	Applicant 6	Applicant 7	Applicant 8	Applicant 9	Applicant 10
For each proposal, indicate the extent to which it meets the criteria listed in each row, using a 1-4 scale (1= does not meet criteria; 4=fully meets all criteria).										
A. Does the proposal meet the legislated goals of the grant?										
1	Geographic distribution: Greater MN									
2	Serving needs of vulnerable populations									
3	Diversity of communities served, including racial and populations that are underserved or suffer from or at risk of homelessness, hunger, poverty, lack of access to health services, or deficits in education									
4	Community impact (target population and volunteers)									
B. Legislated Criteria for Evaluation										
5	Collaboration									
6	Sustainability									
7	Resources Leveraged									
8	Evaluation and Planning (work plan and measurement tools)									
9	Effectiveness of work plan to minimize disparities in access to human services through increased volunteerism.									
10	Ability to demonstrate under-resourced status: such as lack of capacity and financial strength									
11	Innovation: New collaborations, collective resolution of a problem(s).									
12	Demonstrate ongoing efforts to address and minimize disparities in access to human services through volunteerism									
C. Demonstration of Qualifications										
13	Support from appropriate leadership or partners									



Selection Criteria





Proposal Assessment

Eligibility and Alignment with Goals

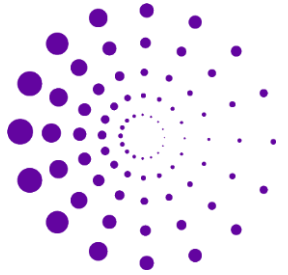
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Intended Impact

- Service to vulnerable or at risk populations
- Diversity of communities served

Quality of Program Design

- Collaboration (new or existing)
- Sustainability of efforts after grant period is complete
- Resources leveraged
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- Effectiveness of work plan
- Innovation



Preferred Characteristics

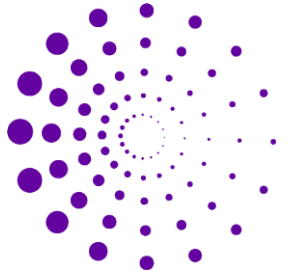
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- Address racial inequities in volunteerism
- Offer innovative projects (e.g., multi-organization volunteer sharing)
- Involve collaboration across multiple organizations



Funding

Direct Funding
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Expectations of Awardees

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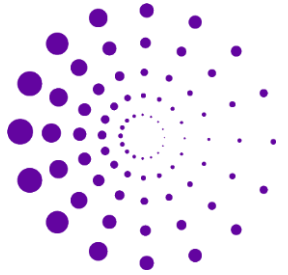
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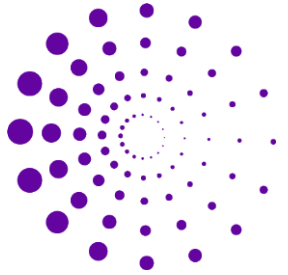
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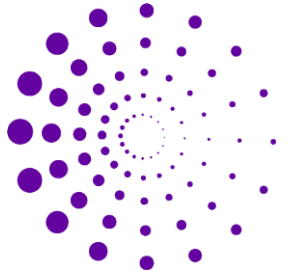
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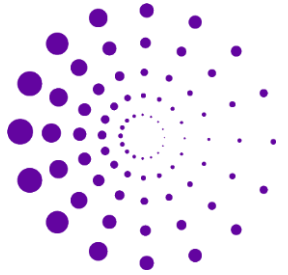
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Program Description

- What geographic area(s) will be served by this initiative/effort?
- Is this a new or existing program/strategy for your organization?
- Other, please explain _____

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Work Plan

- Describe the key program activities and benchmarks you hope to achieve.
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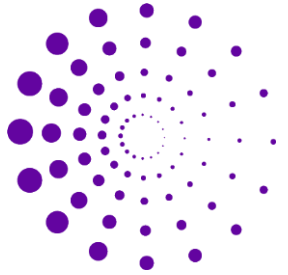
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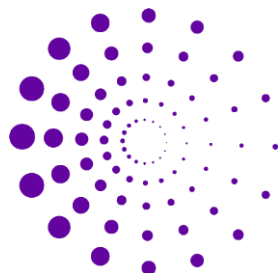
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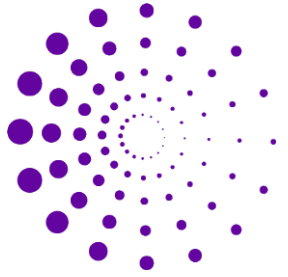
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