

## **Inclusion and Leadership Mini Grant Q&A**

**Q: If a third-party consultant or trainer is used, could funds be requested to pay for that?**

**A:** *Yes, funds can be used to pay a facilitator trainer.*

**Q: What is the deadline?**

**A:** *There is a rolling deadline for these grants. Applications may be submitted at any time.*

**Q: Can this be paired with the Summer Youth Employment Grant to fund activities with that cohort of youth?**

**A:** *Receiving one grant from the Housing Stability Department does not disqualify you for another funding opportunity. All grants will be considered separately.*

**Q: Can we apply for several grants at a time?**

**A:** *Sites may apply for multiple funding opportunities through the Housing Stability Department. A company may also apply for funding for initiatives at different housing sites. However, a site is only eligible to apply for a mini grant once per fiscal year.*

**Q: We do an annual community event, can we apply for funds to expand and add more opportunities for residents as part of that event, or does it have to be a new initiative?**

**A:** *Yes, you can apply for an ongoing initiative. All proposals should articulate how the initiative is tied to the inclusion and leadership of residents.*

**Q: Can we use the funds for professional development for staff?**

**A:** *Grants are intended to support the inclusion and leadership of residents. Proposals may be submitted if tied to that goal. For example, a consultant or training about models of resident leadership. Please see our training opportunities for staff and professional development here: <https://www.masshousing.com/en/programs-outreach/housing-stability/knowledge-capacity-building/trainings>*

**Q: How soon will we hear if a grant is awarded?**

**A:** *You will receive a reply when receive the application. You will receive notification about the funding decision within 2-4 weeks. Additional information may be requested.*