Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the Nonprofit Emergency Relief Program (NPERF) program?**
   The NPERF program is one of Denver’s economic initiatives to support the nonprofit community during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It is implemented through a partnership with the Colorado Nonprofit Development Center to provide grants of up to $15,000 to eligible nonprofit organizations. The program focuses on nonprofit organizations impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meet priority criteria.

2. **What are the application dates?**
   Application dates are September 7, 2021 with a priority deadline of September 30, 2021. If additional funding remains past Sept. 30, applications will be accepted through October 15, 2021.

3. **How can nonprofit organizations apply?**
   Eligible nonprofit organizations can fill out an online application available through https://webportalapp.com/sp/2021nperf

4. **Can nonprofits that have previously been awarded an NPERF grant apply for this round of funding?**
   Yes, nonprofits that have previously been awarded an NPERF grant must follow the special instructions listed in the application to demonstrate financial eligibility.

5. **Does the program have any priorities to determine funding?**
   Priority categories include nonprofit organizations:
   - Servicing historically marginalized populations including communities of color, older adults, people experiencing poverty or homelessness, immigrants and refugees, people living with disabilities, LGBTQ+, veterans, etc.
   - Organizations whose pursuit of equity is expansive (i.e. language justice, underrepresented groups are meaningfully included, capacity building, healing centered, community organizing, advocacy, etc.)
   - Organizations that face barriers and may not have access to traditional funding streams

6. **What are the approved uses of these funds? Can they only be used for COVID-19 related problems/challenges?**
   Grants are not restrictive to resolve COVID-19 related challenges. They can be used to sustain the nonprofit organization’s general operating support and delivery of programs and services.

7. **Will you provide technical assistance?**
   We will be hosting technical assistance webinars information below. No need to register, just click the link.
   - **Friday, September 10 | 1-2 p.m.** (English)
   - **Tuesday, September 14 | 2:30-3:30 p.m.** (English)
   - **Wednesday, September 22 | 4-5 p.m.** (Spanish)

If you need any questions, please email us at NEST@denvergov.org or call 720.913.1552.