

Albemarle County Agency  
Budget Review Team  
(ABRT)  
FY 22 Application Process

July 15, 2020



## Desired Outcome

Board support staff's recommended adjustments to the Human Services Goals and the obtainment of County-managed application system.



# Background



- 1991 - ABRT created as a joint City/County process to review funding requests from community non-profit agencies
  - Over the years, the ABRT process updated and refined
    - County's Arts and Cultural applications reviewed in a separate process
- FY 20 – Board approved moving to a County-only ABRT process
  - Community volunteer and staff member teams
  - DSS's Human Services Goals/Outcome measures
  - Utilized the City's grant application portal and City/County's joint scoring matrix
- FY 21 - The County continued ABRT approach
  - Budget includes \$1.6M for 22 Human Service agencies



Staff team (DSS, OEI, CD and OMB) reviewed survey results, goals, grant application systems, questionnaire, process, and scoring instrument.



Team recommends improvements for clarity, efficiency, and results

Update County's Human Services goals	Obtain Web-based County grant application tool - ABRT, Housing, Arts and Cultural Applications	Create County grant application questionnaire and scoring matrix
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Recommendation for FY 22 process



# Clarified Human Services Goals

- Objectives:
  - Clarify language
    - Collapse redundancies
    - Align goal intentions with equitable community value
    - Prioritize response to emergent community need for recovery post-pandemic



# Clarified Human Services Goals

## Mission

To enhance the well-being and quality of life for all residents through the provision of the highest level of public service consistent with the prudent use of public funds.





Clarified Human Services  
Goals

Highest Urgency/Most  
Immediate Need



- Provide services that:
  - Remove barriers affecting the financial stability of at-risk and underserved communities.
  - Are aimed at building an equitable, sustainable food system or increasing access to healthy, culturally appropriate food.
  - Drive community health and improve outreach or educational efforts in rural areas and/or vulnerable urban communities.
  - Address disparities in access or opportunity for youth of color.
  - Support continuum of housing interventions with the overall goal of achieving safe, affordable and permanent housing for at-risk individuals and families.



## Clarified Human Services Goals

### Support of Continued Service Needs



- Provide services that:
  - Reduce the achievement gap for socioeconomically disadvantaged students.
  - Increase accessibility of medical and dental support for low-income and geographically isolated households.
  - Support survivors of abuse, neglect, trauma, or violence.
  - Decrease disparity or disproportionality in outcomes for persons interacting with the legal or criminal justice system.
  - Increase support and accessibility for persons with limiting conditions or different abilities, including problems with mental health or substance abuse.





Application system will be located on County's website



Applications, questions, and scoring criteria will be aligned with County goals



Applicants will not required to attempt to meet both the City and County requirements and goals within one application



Increased clarity for County resident regarding services provided



Will be used for other County funding application processes



Increase efficiency for application review

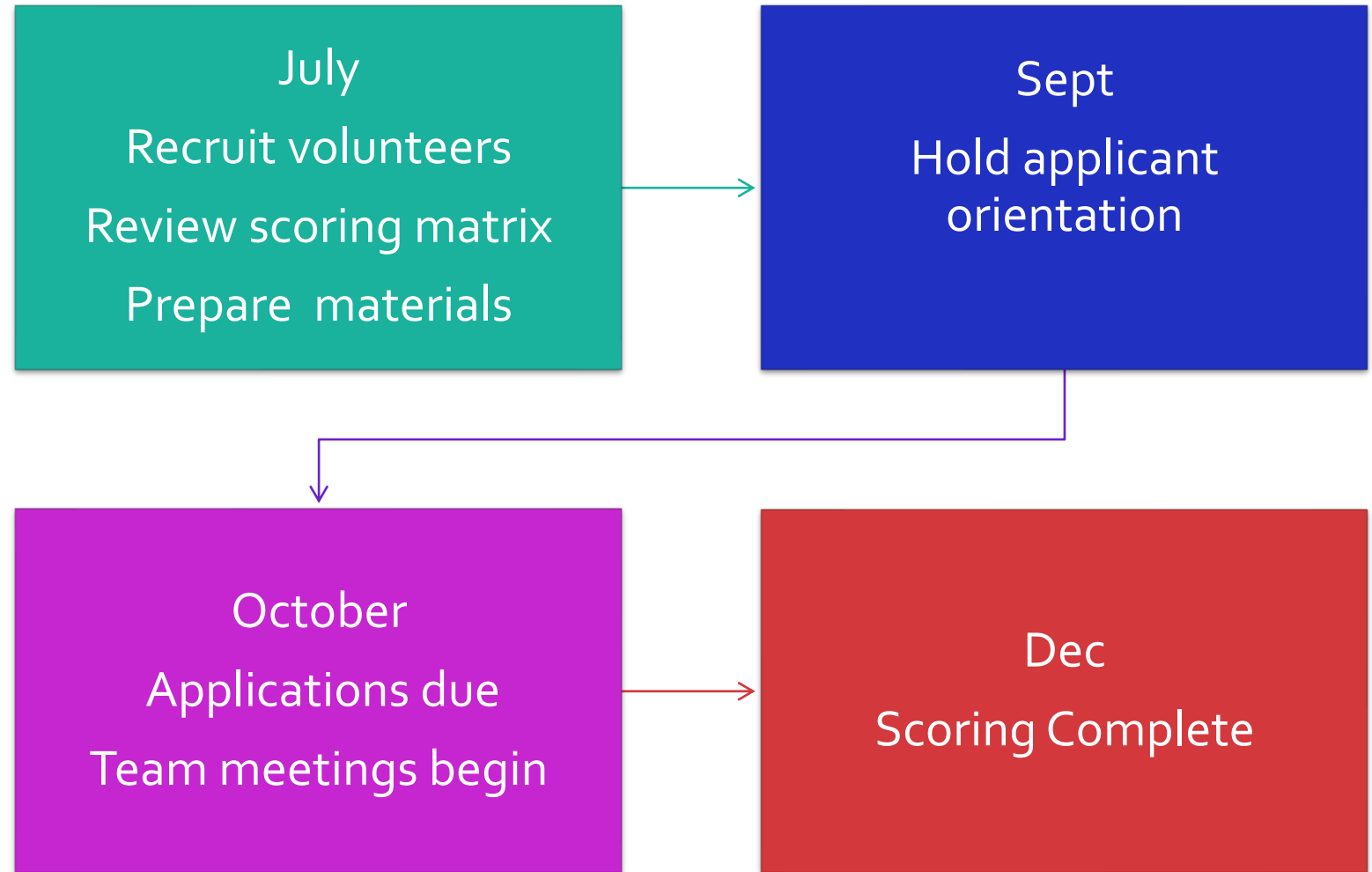


Cost less than \$5,000 per year

## Benefits of a County managed application system



# Time Frame





## Recommendation

Board support recommended improvements to the County's Human Services Goals and support a County managed application system.