

Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3)  
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)  
Webinar

**SFY 2025 R3 Service Delivery NOFO**

**2378-030124**

**March 1, 2024**

## Topics Covered in this Webinar

- R3 Program Values
- R3 Zones and Funding Regions
- Available Funds and Range of Awards
- Application Structure
  - Collaboratives and Responsible Applicants
- Applicant Eligibility Requirements

## Topics Covered (continued)

- Program Design
- Allowable Expenses
- Narrative Writing Tips
- Application Submission
- Scoring and Selection
- Timeline

## R3 Program Values

- Community-driven service provision
- Opportunity
- Capacity building
- Equity
- Collaboration

# R3 Zones and Funding Regions

- R3 Zones
  - Only programs in serving R3 zones are eligible.
  - R3 zones are the shaded areas on the map available at <https://r3.Illinois.gov/eligibility>.

# R3 Zones and Funding Regions

- R3 Zones
  - Some R3 zones are considered ‘high risk’ and are given more points in the application review.
  - Zones and ‘high risk’ indicators were selected based on data located on the website.

# R3 Zones and Funding Regions

- Funding Regions
  - Illinois is split into 12 different funding regions.
  - Funding in each region is based on the percentage of total R3 zone population within those regions.
  - Regions are identified in color-coded areas on the map at <https://r3.Illinois.gov/eligibility>.

# Tiers of Competition

- Funding is divided into three tiers of competition.
  - Tier One: Less than 2 years of operation
  - Tier Two: Less than \$2 million annual budget OR less than 5 years of operation
  - Tier Three: \$2 million annual budget or more AND more than 5 years of operation



# Tiers of Competition

- Applicants in different tiers do not compete—competition is only within tiers
- Appendix C of the NOFO Instructions contains a table that identifies tiers and regions to help applicants determine the appropriate funding level.

## Available Funds and Award Ranges

- \$30 million available
- Award ranges vary by tier and region
- Applicants can select the requested amount within that range based on the program needs

# Available Funds and Award Ranges

- The lowest an application can request is \$25,000.
- The highest will vary by NOFO, region, and tier.
  - Appendix C of the NOFO Instructions contains a table that identifies tiers and regions to help applicants determine the appropriate funding level.

# Application Structure

- Single organization applicant
  - One organization applies to carry out a program.
  - Single organization applicants must complete the entire application and must be eligible to receive state funds.
  - The applicant must **ALSO** have a registered account in the GATA Grantee Portal.

# Application Structure

- Collaborative Application
  - A group of organizations proposing one joint project under the same application.
  - Each member must be eligible to receive state funds, but only one submits the application.
  - The “responsible applicant” must have a registered account in the GATA Grantee Portal, but the other members **DO NOT** need this account.

# Application Structure

- Responsible Applicant Duties
  - Make sure they satisfy the requirements to submit an application.
  - Submit the application on behalf of the collaborative.
  - Include signed linkage agreements with all collaborative members in the application.
  - Execute subgrant agreements with other members.
  - Manage financial reporting/reimbursement.

# Eligibility Requirements: All Applicants

- Single organizations **and** responsible applicants for collaborative applications need:
  - A UEI number
  - A SAM.gov account
  - A Grants.gov account
  - Good standing status with the IL Secretary of State
  - A GATA Grantee Portal account

# Eligibility Requirements: Collaborative Partners

- Members of collaborative projects who are not the responsible applicant submitting the application need:
  - A UEI number
  - A SAM.gov account
  - A Grants.gov account
  - Good standing status with the IL Secretary of State



# AmpliFund Submission Process

- All applications must be completely submitted via the AmpliFund grant management system.
- Once an application is begun, applicants will need to complete each form in the system and then submit their applications.
- Make sure that the entire application is complete before you submit.

# AmpliFund Submission Process

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## 2025 SERVICE DELIVERY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Grants to provide services to repair the harm caused by economic disinvestment, violence, and the war on drugs. Organizations may apply for grant funds in R3 communities statewide.

COMING SOON!

# AmpliFund Submission Process



## Funding Opportunities

The Federal & State Grants Unit (FSGU) administers [grant programs](#) overseen by ICJIA. Authorized to receive and disburse grant money, ICJIA also is responsible for assuring compliance with federal and state regulations. ICJIA began administering federal grants in 1985, following the passage of the Justice Assistance Act and the Victims of Crime Act by Congress.

To request the status of your grant, please [submit an online request here](#).

For funding opportunities prior to 2019, please visit ICJIA's legacy GATA site: <https://legacy-grants.icjia.cloud/grants>

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# AmpliFund Submission Process

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**Opportunity Details** Evaluation & Scoring

## Opportunity Information

CSFA Number 546-00-2378

CSFA Popular Name R3

Title 2378-030124 SERVICE DELIVERY R3

Description The Restore, Reinvest and Renew (R3) Program was established by the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act to make a significant portion of cannabis revenues available to communities that have been most impacted by the inequities created and perpetuated by harmful policies established during the war on drugs era.

In SFY23, ICJIA was awarded a state appropriation of \$75 million to administer the R3 program. A total of \$30 million of this appropriation is available to eligible community organizations providing services in the areas of violence prevention, youth development, economic development, reentry, and civil legal aid.

# AmpliFund

- Applying Organization must register in the Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal: <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>.
- Applying Organizations must identify an individual who will submit the application via AmpliFund, this person will serve as the Primary Contact for this application.
- Remember: **more than one individual** can have access to and complete components of the application via AmpliFund.
- To complete and submit the application in AmpliFund, go to:  
<https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/f976e0ca-18a6-4428-bc61-5501be86a933>

# Application

Apply at:

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### Opportunity Information

CSFA Number	546-00-2378
CSFA Popular Name	R3
Title	2378-030124 SERVICE DELIVERY R3
Description	The Restore, Reinvest and Renew (R3) Program is a result of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act to make revenues available to communities that have been hardest hit by the long called war on drugs.



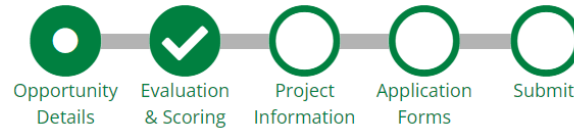
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Authentication Portal

Sign in with one of these accounts

- Public Account
- Partner Account
- Employee Account

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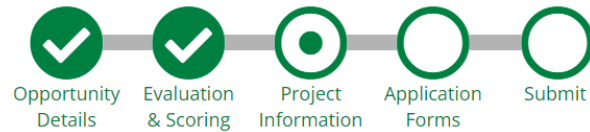
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### Project Information

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#### Application Information

Application Name\*


Pre-Qualification Status   Not Qualified

#### How much are you requesting from the funder?

Award Requested\*



There are 11 Forms that must be COMPLETED before submitting the application.



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### Forms

Name	Status	Print
Uniform Grant Application - Applicant Completed Section	New	
R3 Required Questions	New	
Technical Scoring Section	New	
Executive Summary	New	
Statement of Need - 25 Points	New	
Program Design - 30 Points	New	
Goals and Performance Metrics 10 Points	New	
Program Staffing - 5 Points	New	
Applicant Experience and Contribution to Community - 5 Points	New	
Budget and Budget Narrative Instructions - 10 Points	New	
Equity Scoring Section - 30 Points	New	

25 items per page
1 - 11 of 11 items

These forms will be completed in AmpliFund under “Application Forms.” Please answer all questions and the individual parts of a question.

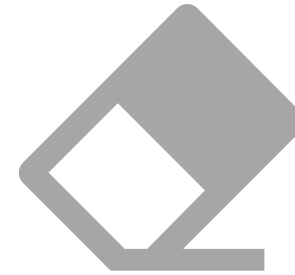
Please refer to “Program Requirements” and prompts before each question or sets of questions when completing your response.

Please use “Evaluation & Scoring” in the NOFO instructions as a guide when completing your response.

Program Narrative should convey: Need for program, current efforts, and understanding and implementation of required program components.



The AmpliFund system times out after 20 minutes of **inactivity**.



Clicking "**Save and Continue**" is encouraged as you complete the information in AmpliFund.

## Executive Summary

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### Q7 - Summary of Program

Please provide a brief (1-3 paragraph) summary of your proposed program.

**When you're finished answering the questions on this page, click Mark as Complete. An application cannot be submitted until all pages are marked as complete.**

Not finished with this page yet? Click [Save](#) or [Save & Continue](#) to fill out the missing information at a later time.

Response \*

Alt+F10 to access toolbar by keyboard

Rich text editor toolbar with icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Bulleted List, Numbered List, Decrease Indent, Increase Indent, Link, Image, and Source Code (<>). Below the toolbar is a large empty text area for the response.

## Goals and Performance Metrics 10 Points

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### Performance Metrics

Please download and complete the Goals and Performance Metrics for your proposed program. This pr changes resulting from program implementation or expansion for the designated period of performanc

Funded programs will be required to submit quarterly progress reports to ICJIA. These reports will minir objectives.

Please list your proposed process and outcome objectives and the performance measures that will be u

Process objectives are milestones within the project that help you keep track of your progress. Example anticipated at public meetings, number of site visits that will be made to community organizations, etc.

Outcome objectives are results that your program seeks to create that support your overall goal. Examp data analysis regarding service gaps, final community plan approved by community representatives, etc

Performance measures are actual discrete, clear, and quantifiable measures that your program will set. Examples may include "100 clients provided with youth development services," "80% of workforce devel

Applicants must fill out each section of the table. Applicants are not required to fill in all rows of each se

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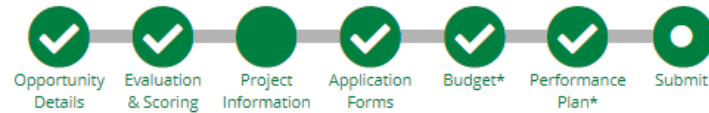
Goals and Performance Metrics Upload \*

Choose File



Performance Metrics Template	Downloaded from AmpliFund
Implementation Schedule	Downloaded from AmpliFund
Uniform Budget Template	Downloaded from AmpliFund
Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form (if applicable)	Downloaded from AmpliFund
Certification of Employee Local Residence (if applicable)	Downloaded from AmpliFund
Memorandum of Understanding/Linkage Agreements	Supplied by applicant for collaborative applications only

# Submission Verification



## Success!

You have submitted your application.

Download your completed application by selecting the "Application" button below.

To return to the main screen with all of your applications, select the "Exit" button.



 Application

Exit

## 2:00 pm CST, April 30, 2024



All required application materials must be submitted via AMPLIFUND by 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2024, to be considered for funding.



Proposals will **NOT** be accepted by mail, fax, or in-person. Incomplete applications or those sent to another email address will not be reviewed.



Late submissions will **NOT** be reviewed.



# Resources

Applicant Technical Assistance Recording. Applicants are advised to view the following technical assistance recordings prior to application submission.

## NOFO programmatic requirements

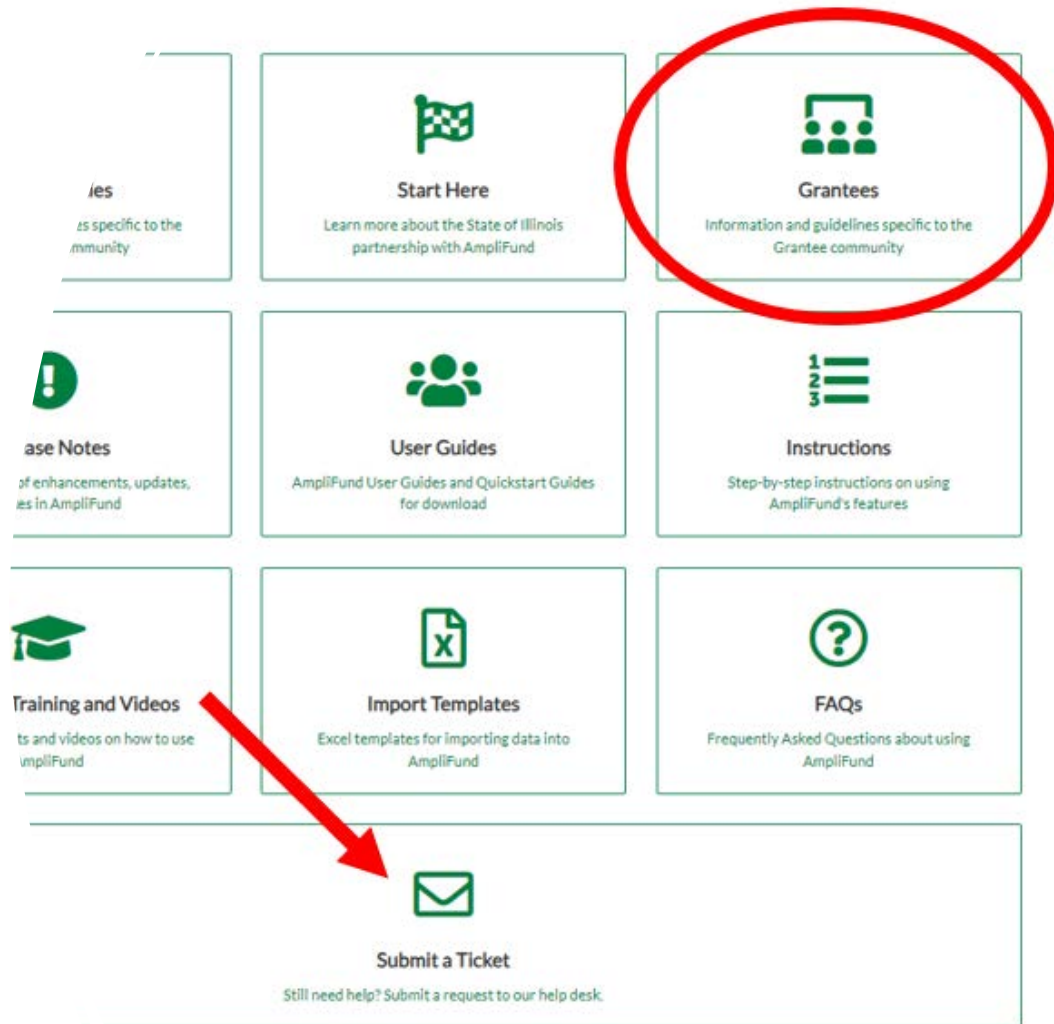
- [Register in the GATA Grantee Portal](#)
- [Creating a GATA Grantee User Account](#)
- [Register in AmpliFund](#)
- [Complete the application in AmpliFund](#)
- [Getting to know GATA and the GATA Grantee Portal](#)
- Learn about the Online Self-paced Grant Course: [YOUR RECIPE FOR GRANT SUCCESS](#)

# AmpliFund Support











- You can get help and more information for all aspects of AmpliFund at the support website:
  - <https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>
- Information on signing up for an account to begins in the GATA site.  
<https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/GMS.aspx>
  - [State Grantee Portal New User Guide](#)

## More Resources - AmpliFund

- Visit the AmpliFund Zen Desk to learn more about the AmpliFund Grant Management System. <https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com/>



The screenshot displays a grid of resource cards for the AmpliFund system. A red circle highlights the 'Grantees' card, and a red arrow points from the 'Training and Videos' card to the 'Submit a Ticket' card.

 <b>Resources</b> Resources specific to the community	 <b>Start Here</b> Learn more about the State of Illinois partnership with AmpliFund	 <b>Grantees</b> Information and guidelines specific to the Grantee community
 <b>Release Notes</b> Release notes of enhancements, updates, and changes in AmpliFund	 <b>User Guides</b> AmpliFund User Guides and Quickstart Guides for download	 <b>Instructions</b> Step-by-step instructions on using AmpliFund's features
 <b>Training and Videos</b> Tutorials and videos on how to use AmpliFund	 <b>Import Templates</b> Excel templates for importing data into AmpliFund	 <b>FAQs</b> Frequently Asked Questions about using AmpliFund
 <b>Submit a Ticket</b> Still need help? Submit a request to our help desk.		

Questions regarding this NOFO may be submitted to [CJA.R3Questions@Illinois.gov](mailto:CJA.R3Questions@Illinois.gov) through **2:00 p.m., April 25, 2024.**

Questions and responses will be posted on the R3 website, the ICJIA website, and AmpliFund

## Contact Information

Aisha Williams

R3 Program Manager

[CJA.R3Questions@Illinois.gov](mailto:CJA.R3Questions@Illinois.gov)

## What happens after I submit my application?



- ICJIA Staff will review the submitted applications submitted and check GATA compliance, and Organization Eligibility.
- When an application is moved within the system workflow, the applying organization will receive notification from AmpliFund indicating that the submitted application was **selected** for merit review.
- **NOTE:** the notification is auto generated and sent to the Primary Point of Contact (POC)
- Explore the [Recipe for Grant Success](#)
  - Module 6: Submitting the Application
  - Module 7: My Application was Denied
  - Module 8: My Application Was Selected

Hello [REDACTED],

You are receiving this AmpliFund notification email because the status of the application you submitted to Criminal Justice Information Authority for 1745-10231 Services for Underserved Victims of Violent Crime has been updated.

Your application, [REDACTED] for Victims of Violent Crime, now has a status of **Approved**.

Select <https://il.amplifund.com/> to log in to the Amplifund Applicant Portal to view your application.

Regards,  
AmpliFund Administrator  
Criminal Justice Information Authority

AmpliFund is the leading enterprise grant management platform designed for nonprofit and public sector organizations to manage every phase of the grant management process.

# AmpliFund Application Tips

- Save often!
- Review the allowable award range for your tier and region (Appendix C of the NOFO) before submitting an application so that you can enter the correct requested amount throughout the application.
- Make sure you download and upload documents when required.

# AmpliFund Troubleshooting

- If you're having trouble accessing the website for AmpliFund, it may be blocked by a website filter.
- It could also be a browser issue.
- If nothing works, visit the Support site and submit a ticket so they can assist you.



## R3 Program Priorities

- Civil Legal Aid
- Economic Development
- Reentry
- Violence Prevention
- Youth Development

# Program Design

- Supports direct services in at least one of the five R3 Program Priorities to community members.
- Applicants may focus on one priority or provide services that address multiple priorities, depending on the needs of their communities.

## Program Design

- Capacity Building activities are allowable, but no more than 10% of the full requested amount or \$50,000 (whichever is greater) can be put towards capacity building. The primary purpose of these funds is service delivery.

## Program Design

- Program specifics are largely up to the applicant to establish.
- Applicants fully explain and justify the design of their proposed program in the Program Narrative.

# Allowable Costs

- Expenses must be reasonable and must support the proposed program.
- Budget narratives should be detailed and explain how each expense will be used in the context of the program.

# Narrative Writing Tips

- **READ THE NOFO INSTRUCTIONS!**
- Read/answer each element of every question.
- Thoroughly describe, do not just state.
- Keep in mind the R3 program values and priorities described above.
- Do not assume that reviewers know anything about your agency or your program.
- Proofread your application prior to submission.

# Budget Tips

- Do budget prep using a spreadsheet software.
- Consider how necessary and realistic each cost is for your program.
- Make sure not to undercut your program—include all items that your program will need.
- Ensure the costs and narrative of the budget align with the program in your application.

# Budget Tips

- Provide a lot of detail in the budget narrative.
  - Descriptions of items/costs
  - How they will be used for your program
  - How the costs were calculated
- Distinguish between direct and indirect costs.
- Proofread your budget and application prior to submission.
- Work with your accounting staff if applicable.



# Performance Metrics Tips

- Two different sections; make sure to complete both
  - Mandatory program priority metrics
  - Metrics related to the specific proposed program
- Process vs. Outcome metrics
- Objectives should align with Program Design
- Measures should align with Objectives

# Performance Metrics Tips

- **IMPORTANT:** Objectives and Performance Metrics are crucial to the application. Reviewers will be comparing these to the Program Design to ensure that you are able to track the performance of your proposed program. Please do not overlook the importance of this section!

# Application Submission

- Applications are completed and submitted through the AmpliFund grant management system
- Complete all parts of the application.
  - Including Budget and Performance Plan templates.
  - Attach Linkage agreements if applicable.
- Submit well in advance of the deadline (2:00 pm, Tuesday, April 30, 2024).

# Scoring and Selection

- Applications will be scored based on the point values listed in the NOFO by a panel of reviewers.
- Programs will be selected based on these scores.
- The R3 Board may also select programs to fund to support stated program goals.

# Local Preference Points

- The R3 program seeks to ensure that the needs, experiences, and ideas of local communities are central to the program.
- The review process ensures that local organizations and local residents are involved in programs.

## Local Preference Points

### 1.) Local Organizations:

Applications will receive additional points if the applicant organization is located within an R3 zone.

# Local Preference Points

## 2.) Local Collaboratives:

Collaborative project applications will receive additional points if at least half of collaborative member organizations are located within an R3 zone.

- Addresses of Collaborative Partners must be detailed in the application

## Local Preference Points

### 3.) Local Employees:

Applications made by a single organization will receive additional points if at least half of their employees reside in an R3 zone.



## Scoring and Selection

- Within each geographic area and each tier, the applicant with the highest number of points will be funded until all funds are exhausted.
- If funds remain in one region or tier after all selected grants are awarded, remaining funds may be assigned to another region/tier.

# Scoring and Selection

- Applicant awards may be reduced to adjust for budgets submitted with unallowable or unreasonable costs.
- Proposals that include unallowable activities or fail to meet program requirements may be rejected.

# Timeline

Task	Date
NOFO & Technical Assistance Recording posted	March 1, 2024
NOFO question submission deadline	2:00 pm, April 25, 2024
<b>Applications due</b>	<b>2:00 p.m., April 30, 2024</b>
R3 Board approval of recommended designations	Estimated June 2024
ICJIA Budget Committee approval of recommended designations	Estimated June 2024
Performance Period	July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025

# Questions?

All questions must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024. All substantive questions and responses will be posted on the R3 website at <https://r3.Illinois.gov>, the ICJIA website at <https://gata.icjia.cloud/> and in Amplifund.

## Questions?

The R3 website at <https://r3.Illinois.gov> contains a “Resources” section with helpful information, video links, and webinars related to this NOFO that may be useful.

The webinars are located at <https://r3.Illinois.gov/nofo-informational-webinars>

## Questions?

Due to the competitive nature of this NOFO, applicant may not discuss the opportunity directly with any ICJIA employee other than the respondent of the NOFO email addresses.

## Contact Us

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