



Excellerator

COMPETITIVE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Organizational Excellence Grants

Purpose: To assist in increasing organization effectiveness, increased competitiveness and professional capability

Description / Criteria:

- Competitive matching grants for reimbursement of up to \$5,000 awarded to communities to improve ongoing organizational excellence
- Grants may be considered for community economic development organizations at all levels to assist in organizational improvement and program development activities such as the following:
 - **Community Economic Development Organizations Early in Process**
 - SWOT analysis & strategy outline
 - Program leadership training
 - **Progressive Community Economic Development Organizations**
 - Development of a strategic plan
 - Board & community leader engagement programs
 - **Advanced Community Economic Development Organizations**
 - Custom programs designed to move the organization to the next level of operational effectiveness

Application Process:

- Community works with Entergy MS to complete Entergy Excellerator Assessment & MOU and demonstrates its readiness for assistance.
- Community applies for Organizational Excellence Grant and submits the following: Request description (program, training, professional services, strategic planning, etc.) along with a timeline for implementation and cost.
- Completed applications must be submitted in electronic format to chinto3@entergy.com no later than Friday, March 1, 2019.

Judging Process:

- Grants will reimburse up to one half of the cost of the approved request capped at \$5,000.
- Dependent on project request review and pre-approval by grant committee.
- Community EDO has 10 months to complete the approved program. A summary of program implementation and benefits derived must be submitted along with proof of payment for reimbursement consideration.
- Completed project must pass the review stage for funding to be reimbursed.

For more information about the Entergy Mississippi's Organizational Excellence Grant, including an application or assistance with completing an application, please contact Chris Hinton at 601-969-2383 or chinto3@entergy.com.