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IAAQLI CASE STUDY
INDIANAPOLIS AFRICAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE

Streamlining Community Grant Programs:
How SmarterSelect Helped IAAQLI Manage a Large-Scale Initiative

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CLIENT TYPE
Non-profit Organization & Grant Maker

PRIMARY VALUES
Flexible, Easy to Use,
Cost and Time Savings

USE CASE
Grant management for their $100 million grant from the Lilly Endowment

The intuitive, customizable SmarterSelect grants management software enabled the Indianapolis African American Quality of Life Initiative (IAAQLI) to quickly and efficiently launch and manage a large-scale grant program tailored to their specific needs.

SITUATION

The IAAQLI needed to quickly set up and manage a large grants program funded by a $100 million investment from Lilly Endowment.

The organization needed to distribute the funds through an open grant competition with a complex review process.

IAAQLI was not yet an established organization as it was started specifically for this 5-year grants initiative. Therefore, they didn't have existing systems or infrastructure to manage the grants program.

They anticipated a high volume of grant applications (100-200 per round) that needed to be efficiently reviewed by a team of over 30 evaluators.

They wanted to be able to easily build application forms, implement smart logic, and enhance the process over time based on feedback.

SOLUTION

SmarterSelect allowed IAAQLI to quickly set up an online grants management system tailored to their needs. The setup of SmarterSelect was measured in days, thus enabling IAAQLI to start accepting applications faster than before.

The system is intuitive and easy to use without coding or complex setup. IAAQLI was able to build customized application forms and easily update them for each round of funding.

SmarterSelect provided the infrastructure to efficiently manage a high volume of applications and collect evaluator feedback on each one.

The SmarterSelect library of resources and community forum allowed IAAQLI to view examples from other organizations to model their own applications and processes.

Ongoing grant recipient reporting built into the system allows IAAQLI to track results and gather feedback to improve the program over time as well.

SmarterSelect provided a cost-effective, scalable solution compared to other more complex or expensive options. It aligned well with IAAQLI's needs as a newer program.

> "I think between the system being intuitive and also the instructional videos that were available and the support that we received from Smarter Select, it was fairly easy to pick up, and run with...We've been able to utilize smart applications, and use logic in order to enhance the work and make our [process] smoother and cleaner. SmarterSelect helped our application and review process go much much faster."

- Alicia Baird

Director of Grants & Data Management for IAAQLI

RESULTS

☺ Easy to Use

IAAQLI was able to easily build customized application forms tailored to their needs. They also appreciated the ability to continually update the application and process based on user feedback to improve each funding round.

Cost & Time Savings

SmarterSelect provided a cost-effective solution compared to other options, maximizing IAAQLI's administrative efficiency. The easy-to-use system also minimized the staff time needed to set up and manage the grants program.

☆ Great Customer Support

SmarterSelect's support and training allowed IAAQLI to start accepting applications quickly and efficiently manage a high volume of 100-200 applications per funding round.

HOW SMARTERSELECT CAN HELP YOU

Quick Time to Launch: Just like we helped IAAQLI to quickly launch a large-scale grants program, you too can get your program off the ground fast.

Easy to Build Applications: Our customized application forms can be tailored to your organization's specific needs.

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Efficiency at Scale: Imagine being able to efficiently manage a high volume of applications with less effort. Robust features like conditional logic, calculations, document uploads, etc. help to support complex needs.

Collaborative Learning: Shared resources like our knowledge base, video tutorials, and community forum allowed IAAQLI to model their applications after examples from other organizations.

Streamlined Evaluation: Make your review process much easier by collecting feedback and scoring applications in one place. Our platform is intuitive for both grant administrators and application candidates to use with little training needed.

Reporting Made Easy: SmarterSelect reporting features helped IAAQLI track grant program impact and results over time, and we can do the same for you too!

Cost-effective: When compared to other complex and expensive options, SmarterSelect gives you everything you need to maximize efficiency without breaking the bank.

With SmarterSelect on your side, you can launch your program faster while saving time and money. Book a demo to see how easy and flexible our software is for organizations just like yours!