

Subject: New submission from Community Development Combined
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General Information
Date of application: 01/03/2024
Organization name: ALERT Partnership Inc
Organization TIN or EIN: 84-2766268
If available, provide your Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): 097408179
Organization physical address: 279 Central Avenue Albany, NY 12206 United States Map It
Is the mailing address different from the physical address? Yes
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Contact Information
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What is the preferred method of contact? Email
Website (if available): https://ALERTpartnership.org

Organization Info and Structure:

Is the organization a nonprofit?

Yes

If nonprofit, please attach to this application proof of your organization's Tax-Exempt Status

- [IRS_501c3_Confirmation.pdf](#)

Date of establishment:

05/29/2019

Give a brief description of your organization. Please include information on the organization's activities or mission statement (150 words or less):

Founded in 2015, ALERT Partnership Inc is established to provide engagement opportunities that will build greater understanding, trust, and respect, between the community and our fourteen (14) federal, state, and local, law enforcement partners.

ALERT's undertaking reflects two of the six pillars of former President Barak Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing which are, Building Trust and Legitimacy and Community Policing and Crime Reduction. We build a multi-ethnic, and trans-generational bridge between the community and police groups.

Our events are:

- Community Leader and Law Enforcement Leadership Summit
- Unite The City Carnival events
- Albany Sports Challenge events
- Improving Your Quality of Life events for seniors and underserved residents
- Albany Bridge Builder's Awards Ceremony

Our greater goal is bringing the county of Albany together to demolish the invisible wall that separates Albany's underserved communities from the rest of Albany.

ALERT: A necessity in the 21st Century for building bridges!

Provide the total number of full-time employees (if applicable):

1

Provide the total number of part-time employees (if applicable):

0

Provide the total number of volunteers (if applicable):

100

What is the organization's current annual budget?

394,500

Have you or the organization ever received any form of COVID-19 relief funds or loans specific to the negative impacts of the Pandemic?

No

Did your organization lose revenue as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic? If yes, provide the amount of lost revenue (2020-2022)

No

Project Proposal

Applicants may choose to apply for up to 2 program areas. Please select the primary program area for which you would like to apply.

Preventing and Responding to Violence

If applicable, please select the secondary program area for which you would like to apply.

Youth Services

What amount of funding is being requested (Must be at least \$100,000 and should not exceed program area totals)?

394,500

Is this a new project or expansion of an existing initiative, please describe.

ALERT'S request will assist in support services for our current programming and assist in establishing another arm of our engagement strategy which is connecting our youth and young adults with law enforcement. This will be accomplished through the Albany Sports Challenge scheduled for June 29, 2024, to be held at the MVP Arena.

Our existing program events are the Unite The City, Bridge Builders Award Ceremony, Community Leaders and Law Enforcement Summit, and Improving Your Quality of Life events.

The Albany Sports Challenge will bring our youth and young adults together in an atmosphere that promotes camaraderie and unity.

This historical event will have a positive impact on our region for years to come.

Please provide an executive summary of the proposed program or project for which you are requesting funds. Include a description of the target population, as well as the goals and objectives of your proposed project (500 words or less).

The mission of ALERT Partnership Inc is to strengthen relationships between law enforcement and the residents of our region by providing unique opportunities to engage, mutually inform, and interact with each other.

Utilizing current relationships and continually expanding law enforcement agency partnerships, an element of trust is built between our communities and the police. The benefits of this approach address many issues that our communities face as trust is one of the first components realized. This has a direct influence on crime reduction and recidivism in our communities.

This approach also reduces the disparity in the hiring of law enforcement officials that most policing agencies face. Through our unique engagement opportunities, People of Color and women will consider and ultimately choose a career in law enforcement.

ALERT gives law enforcement direct access to the communities they serve and are commissioned to protect. This positive engagement:

1. Improves public safety through collaboration and information sharing which prevents and combats crime
2. Dramatically increases community engagement while decreasing bias and hostility towards police
3. Proactively creates a direct link between law enforcement administrators and community leaders. This averts violent and divisive public responses to police-involved incidents while giving voice to public concerns around policing
4. Build partnerships with mutual understandings, and provides an avenue for residents to assist law enforcement efforts
5. Changes perceived adversaries into allies for social change across racial, ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, professional, and political lines.

In addition to our fourteen (14) federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, we also have over forty (40) community partners, fifty businesses and nonprofit organization.

Our Engaging Events

With proper support, we will expand beyond these areas of influence and ensure that the relationships that we advocate for are strengthened and consistently built upon.

*Unite The City is a carnival type event provided free of charge. We offer law enforcement participation throughout Washington Park and use prizes, raffles, carnival food, Inflatables, Pony Rides, superhero characters, dunk tanks, and much more. In 2023, we drew approximately 3,000 residents in our four (4) hour event.

*The Albany Sports Challenge sporting event is designed to bring the community and law enforcement together through modified sports competitions. The targeted demographic are young adults that are predominately career seeking age. Our strategy utilizes more than fifteen (15) current youth organizational leaders who will influence their groups to participate.

*The Law Enforcement Community Leader and Law Enforcement Summit brings leaders together and encourages collaboration between them. The information shared and relationships that are built, are brought back to their constituents.

*Improving Your Quality of Life events provide information and assistance by the DEA, FBI, ATF, NY State Police, AC Sheriff's Office, APD, and others. Including the Albany Housing Authority, this event influences residents in our underserved communities, providing services that most will not venture out to receive.

*In addition, we provide the Albany Bridge Builder award for an average of thirty individuals, and Appreciation Award Luncheon which recognizes people for their volunteer efforts with us.

Please explain why this program or project is needed within the County.

Without a doubt, in Albany County and around the nation, one of the leading issues we face is positive law enforcement and community relationships. ALERT has positively influenced our community through our engagement events.

Police Chief Eric Hawkins commented that the impact that ALERT has had cannot be measured with data alone. Our tenacles reach beyond the people that we directly influence and touch their family, friends, and relatives, breaking down the walls of hostility.

Federal Appeals Court Judge for Military Affairs, Honorable Grant Jaquith, and ASAC of the DEA for the Northern District of NY, David Zon, both stated that there is no program like ALERT in the country that is positively influencing community and law enforcement relationships like ALERT.

The benefits begin with the comments by these respectable individuals; however the influence and impact is more far reaching.

We brought the community demonstrators together with law enforcement in both June of 2020 at the Times Union Center, and after the demonstration at the Albany Police Department's South Station in 2021 we brought this group together virtually. Both meetings proved beneficial to our city.

Since that time, we have methodically developed more community relationships which strengthens our voice with leaders in our city.

All funded activities must meet the objective of responding to the public health and negative economic impact of the pandemic. Please describe how your proposal will help address this objective and assist with recovery (250 words or less).

It's not a secret and therefore not a coincidence that social uprising around police and community relationships escalated during the inaugural stages of COVID 19.

Although tensions in Albany have lessened, the time to strengthen relationships all the way around is during times of peace, not when the community and law enforcement are at odds because of a negative police encounter.

ALERT Partnerships initiatives provide strengthening on all levels. Using the problems of the past and strengths of our present relationships, our organization ensures that law enforcement relationships in Albany do not fall apart during challenging social, economic times, or threats to our Public Health. Each is often exasperated when there is no level of trust between the community and law enforcement.

If an award is made, describe how Albany County stakeholders will benefit. Where possible, please use measurable outcomes to quantify impact.

ALERT has always been clear in communicating our events and giving our partners the opportunity to give input on and participate in our decision making processes. Our stakeholders are the first to hear of and have the opportunity to give input on the future direction of ALERT.

We communicate the successes of each event in a timely manner and use the information from de-briefing sessions to make each event better going forward.

To understand this, you must remain focused on the fact that ALERT is "event driven" as without providing opportunities for the community and law enforcement agencies to interact, there will be no real change.

Community and law enforcement relationships are affected by national peace or unrest. Because we have built partnerships during times of both, we have positioned our residents to view negative police encounters with rational minds.

ALERT has built community partnerships and continues to do so by "investing" in other organizations who have community roots. Our gifts to them over the years have opened doors for our voice to be heard and respected.

The entire region benefits from the associations that have been formed because of our introductions and opportunities we afford law enforcement and our region to interact with them.

Please describe your organization’s ability to implement the project you propose including organizational structure, staff members involved, a summary of similar initiatives you have undertaken and the date they were completed:

ALERT has proven our ability to perform the stated events as through Pastor David’s leadership, we have been doing so as ALERT since 2014 and have done community outreaches since 2002.

Each aspect and therefore every event has proven to benefit those that attend, and they get larger every year. Our ability to recruit volunteers to assist with each event ensures that we will have components in place to reach our objectives for each event.

The counsel and vision we have as a board keeps the organization moving forward and ensures that every step we take is productive and each dollar we spend is accounted for.

Having legal counsel on the board ensures that we remain in compliance with laws and regulations that govern not for profit organizations.

Our track record for starting and completing each event stands on their own merits.

- Our Unite The City carnival type event began in 2017.
- Our Improving your Quality of Life event began in 2019.
- Our Community Leader and Law Enforcement Summit began in 2016.
- Our Community Bridge Builders Award ceremonies began in 2019.
- Our Albany Sports Challenge began as the NY Giants Pro Challenge in 2002.

These are all annual events with proven success records. Each has brought law enforcement and the community closer together, as I say, “one person at a time.”

How will you track performance goals and define success? Include at least two key performance indicators and expected annual outcomes/impact?

The main method to measure the performance of our initiatives is by community and law enforcement participation.

Every event has no less than ten (10) law enforcement agencies involved. These federal, state, and local departments, are afforded the opportunity to answer questions from the residents, offer expertise in their areas of focus, and provide police employment opportunities to those who may not have considered law enforcement as a viable career path.

In addition, we will continue to invest in organizations in the underserved communities, thereby gaining more allies from our community. The more allies we have the better we can influence their perceptions of police relationships, possibly turning passive or negative mindsets into positive ones.

These are things that we are doing and will not have to adjust our approach to accommodate a different temporary outcome.

Project start date:

01/01/2024

Project End date:

12/31/2025

Please provide key project milestones inclusive of the anticipated timelines and descriptions

Milestone	Anticipated Timeline	Task Description
Community Bridge Builders Ceremony	May 1, 2024	This ceremony honors residents and law enforcement members for their efforts in fostering stronger community relationships. Each year we acknowledge the efforts of 30 individuals. Since 2019 we have awarded over one hundred (100) people from law enforcement and the community having an average of One Hundred and twenty (120) attendees at each ceremony.

Albany Sports Challenge	July 1, 2024	We are holding our inaugural event on June 29th at the MVP Arena. The Sports Challenge targets our youth and young adults aged thirteen (13) to thirty (30). It engages them in modified sporting events that teams them up “with” each other and not against them. This concept was proven as we used the players from the New York Giants in the early 2,000’s. We drew between twelve hundred (1,200) and two thousand (2,000) spectators in four events held at the University at Albany and The College of Saint Rose. For the Albany Sports Challenge we will use our law enforcement partners instead of professional football players.
Unite The City Carnival	October 1, 2024	Since 2018 we have held this carnival type event and have influenced between one thousand (1000) and three thousand (3000) individuals. Entire families have descended on Washington Park to experience a “free” carnival with rides, games, prizes, superheroes, exhibitions, community organizations, and more.

At the top of this page is a downloadable project budget. Please download the budget form and upload it here.

- [2024-ARPA_Financial-.pdf](#)

If you are funding a multi-year initiative, please provide a breakdown of funding level per year below:

2024	2025	2026
125,000	100,000	75,000

Use this space to provide a narrative supporting and clarify anything from the proposed project budget above. In addition, if “Other Funds” or “Other Uses” are included above, please specify the source(s) below.

Rentals: Chairs, Inflatables,
Catering for four events
Insurance for three events
Youth Outreach Community Yearly Connection

Explain why ARPA funds are needed to complete the proposed program/project. Would the proposal be possible without ARPA assistance? Describe how your proposal would be impacted if you are awarded a smaller grant than requested?

Since our inception, we have made a great impact on our region with very limited resources and having the support of the community.

With ARPA funding, we will be able to provide the services we know we're capable of while setting the organization up to have a regionwide impact for years to come. Without funding, we will continue, however the region will not see the impact we are capable of in a timely manner without this resource.

A smaller grant could help, however a smaller amount may not allow us to accomplish our mission in a timely manner. As stated, the time to build these relationships are during times of seeming peace. History shows that there will be unrest at some point and the more relationships we can have in place in a timely manner, will undoubtedly reduce potential violence in our region.

ARPA funds must be expended by December 31, 2026. Please describe how your project will be sustained if it will continue beyond this date.

Just as ALERT has continued since 2014, we will continue down the path we are on.

The ARPA funds will allow us to gain more exposure, apply for more grants, and garner more private and corporate assistance so we can continue scaling the organization post ARPA funding.

List any project partners/subrecipients:

Project Partners will consist of youth organizations in our underserved areas. These organizations will be recipients of the Youth Outreach funds.

They include:

Arbor Hill Sports Complex
Nanny's Double Dutch Competition
Cherish The Chance
4th Family
Tru Heart / PULSE

We will also expand our youth outreach.

Please list any matching funds:

There are no matching funds... only fund raising efforts that we have described thus far.

Tax Information or Additional Information

Please upload Federal tax returns for tax year 2019

- [2019_2020_990n_.pdf](#)

Please upload Federal tax returns for tax year 2020

- [2019_2020_990n_1.pdf](#)

Please upload Federal tax returns for tax year 2021

- [2021_990-Fed-Filed.pdf](#)

Please upload Federal tax returns for tax year 2022

- [2022_990n_pdf.pdf](#)

Please upload IRS Form W-9

- [ARPA_W9_Form_2024.pdf](#)

Risk Assessment:

Has the organization adopted and/or implemented policies relating to: records retention, conflict of interest, code of ethics, and/or nondiscrimination policies

Yes

If you selected "Yes" above, please specify:

The Board has adopted policies for each of the areas stated. They are all part of our operating procedures

Is the organization properly insured?

Yes

If you selected "Yes" above, please specify the types of insurance held and the limits:

We secure insurances for each of our events that could potentially cause injury. These events are: Unite The City and the Albany Sports Challenge.

Does the organization have a financial management system?

No

Has the organization previously done work for the Federal government (i.e. Is the entity experienced in managing Federal funds)?

No

Certifications

Acknowledgment 1

I Have Read and Understand the U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (see below link)
U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:
<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>

Acknowledgment 2

Should the County Allocate ARPA Funds, I am Able to and Pledge to Adhere to ALL Compliance and Reporting Requirements of the U.S. Treasury as it relates to any State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Acknowledgment 3

I Understand the County Will Contact me if/when Additional Information is Needed and that Information will be Promptly Provided to the County to Support Reporting Requirements

Acknowledgment 4

If for Any Reason I am Unable to Comply with the U.S. Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Requirements I will Immediately Notify the County in writing by email or letter

Acknowledgment 5

All Information Submitted in this Application is True & Accurate

Electronic Signature Agreement

I agree

By checking the "I agree" box, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

Type name

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