

2023 Grants Webinar Q&A

Can I access a PDF copy of the application in advance to work on a draft of our responses?

For a PDF copy of any grant application, an Applicant should log in to Foundant, click on the Preview button, then click on Question List button.

Can you define what “General Operating” funding means for the Community Investment Funds cycle? Can it be related to a program?

General Operating funds are for anything that will help your organization and that it is up to you to determine how to best use the grant. It is intended to be very flexible and can be used for operating support or a program.

Can national, state-wide and/or regional organizations apply for funding, even if they have only specific programs focused in your service area?

National, state-wide and/or regional organizations are eligible for funding as long as the organization serves residents in Northern Virginia.

Will the Environment Fund and Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts accept applications for both operational and program/projects?

Yes, both the Environment Fund and the Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts will fund general operating and program/project focused grants.

Are there restrictions based on geography for any of the open funding cycles?

All grants from the Community Investment Fund areas, Environment and Arts are open to support for the entire Northern Virginia region as defined by our service area (Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties, and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park.) The only exception is our Lamond Fund for children and families along the Route 1 Corridor in Fairfax and Alexandria.

Can our organization apply for a grant through one Community Investment Fund area as well as through the Arts or Environment Funds?

No, only one application per applicant will be accepted across all of these funding opportunities. Select the area which you feel you have the best fit.

Would a music therapy program be appropriate for the Mental health fund?

Yes.

For organizations that provide food to students, the only funding avenue is the Lamond Fund for Children & Youth. Is this correct?

Lamond Fund is for basic needs. Child and Youth is not eligible for food funding.

Are the budget levels for the Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts opportunity related to the organization's budget or the specific program's budget?

Please refer to the application to answer the specific financial questions.

When is the grant award meant to be utilized?

The 2023 grant will be awarded by May 1, 2023 and should be utilized by June 30, 2024.

Is there any preference from grantors for the Arts or Environment grants whether we choose a project vs general operating?

No.

Do organizations have to meet a certain operating budget to apply?

Please refer to the criteria listed on each grant application cycle at www.cfnova.org/grants.

If we submitted an application previously, has our login information changed or anything we need to know about navigating the system?

No, your log in has not changed.

Will applications be considered from an all-volunteer organization if there are no paid staff members?

501(c)3's are eligible to apply.

Are there any restrictions for previous grantees?

No. As long as previous year's grant reports have been submitted, you are eligible to apply.

Can you please confirm that STEM education is included in Education under the Community Investment Funds Cycle?

Yes.

For specific questions about your organization's application or for technical support, please contact our team below:

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