

Grant FAQs:

Can we apply for and receive grants from all cycles? At the same time?

- Applying to or receiving funds through one grant cycle does not disqualify you from the other cycles. However, we do ask that you prioritize your requests and only submit one at a time so we can assess the request that is the most important to your organization first.
- Also, should you receive funding, that does get brought into our committee conversation during future cycles. It doesn't disqualify your organization, but it does come into the conversation where funding decisions are made. That's another reason that it's important to prioritize our requests.

Should I set up a time to discuss a project with you before applying?

- It is up to you! Before applying for a grant cycle, there is an option to schedule a call with our Community Impact Coordinator [here](#). We are happy to hear your ideas and provide feedback as your proposal develops.
- Here are the priorities for our current grant cycles. If your project falls within these areas, it is likely a good fit:
- **Animal Welfare:** This program focuses on supporting organizations in the animal welfare sector in the following ways:
 - Funding emergency veterinary treatment for urgent cases or extraordinary medical needs.
 - Supporting large equipment purchases, such as X-ray machines, for a clinic or surgical equipment.
- **Capacity Building Grants:** Grants focus on increasing an organization's capacity in the following ways:
 - Fundraising: purchasing a donor database or other CRM tool, hiring a fundraising consultant, or developing online giving
 - Leadership: board development, professional development, or strategic planning
 - Communication: website redevelopment or communications plan development
 - Evaluation: impact measurement or program tracking
 - Emergency Needs: unexpected expenses for which an organization was unable to prepare
- **Programmatic Grants:** This grant program focuses on organizations that promote and implement goals toward equity. Priority is given to projects that remove barriers to health care, education, or human services to populations who face systemic barriers in our community.

Is there a limit to how much money I can request through the Programmatic grant cycle??

- We don't have a formal upper limit; however, the typical grant award is below \$10,000 for Capacity Building Grants and between \$10,000 - \$30,000 for Programmatic Grants. Support can vary depending on need and alignment with CFSC initiatives.

Do staff positions fall under your definition of Capacity Building in the smaller grant cycle?

- Staffing needs tend not to be the best fit in that cycle because grants are a one-time, up to \$10,000 commitment.

- Sometimes we can support staff if the funding is clearly identified as gap funding (i.e. we have a salary budgeted in our next fiscal year, but need two months of salary now to bring this person on before the next fiscal year starts).
- The Capacity Building cycle a better fit for consultants, interns, or other short-term financial commitments. Please reach out if you have any questions on this topic.

What if my TGP profile isn't updated and I'm panicking because there is a grant deadline approaching?

- Please don't panic. We work closely with our Giving Partner Team. If we can see that you've been working on your profile (even if you're missing one or two things) and that you've been waiting on our review, we will advance your application into the grant cycle.
- We WILL ask that your profile be fully updated before we send a grant check, should a grant be awarded.

Is there any other general information to know about?

- We don't fund projects retroactively or reimburse funds that have already been spent within the organization.
- We don't fund capital campaigns through the Capacity Building or Programmatic cycles.