Frequently Asked Questions and Grant Tips

Before Applying:

Review the funding priorities listed on the grant page before applying for the grant.

Please note that it is rare for us to provide multi-year funding through these grant cycles.

You can preview the application for each grant cycle by visiting the grant page and clicking on "Preview Application." We suggest preparing and saving your answers in a word document ahead of time and then copying and pasting those answers into the online application form.

Check spelling in this word document prior to submission. Our online application does not check spelling.

Project Information Section

Applying for support for a specific program/project and not for the entirety of your organization can make your application clearer and more concise.

When completing the results section of the application, focus on the program you are requesting funding for and not the impact of your entire organization.

Concrete results statements like "At least 100 people will participate in this program and of those, 75% will demonstrate changed behavior at the conclusion of the program" are clearer and more goal-oriented than statements like "Participants will demonstrate changed behavior."

We recommend you review our impact evaluation series recording to make sure you are putting your organization's best foot forward! You can find the videos on The Giving Partner:
https://www.thegivingpartner.org/info/trainings

Budget Information Section

If the subject of your request requires training to implement or continued maintenance be sure to include those in your budget/request.

Staff time for implementing a program or project can also be included in the budget.

Providing quotes from vendors or screenshots of online shopping carts make your request stronger.

Here are two resources to reviewing when researching database, software, or other online subscription you are looking to request funding for:

- https://makingwisedecisions.org/
- https://www.techsoup.org/get-product-donations

After Applying

Organizations who have been awarded funding are not eligible to receive funding from the same grant program for 365 days from the time a grant is awarded.

Receiving a grant from one program does not exclude an organization from applying for and receiving funding from a different grant program.

Be sure to complete your grant report within 365 days of your receipt of the grant. The grant report is also accessed through our grant platform at https://cfsarasotagrants.communityforce.com/Login.aspx

Not completing a grant report within a year can stall future funding requests.