Operating Grants

Full Application Webinar Q&A Summary

Will this webinar be available afterwards?

Yes, the recording will be available on our website. [You can also find it here](#).

[You can find the slides here.](#)

Where can I find the Word versions of the application?

[Click here for Arts and Culture.](#)

[Click here for Direct Community Services.](#)

How many LOIs were there compared to last year?

Last cycle, in 2023, we received 180 LOIs. This year, we received 241 LOIs, which is an increase of 34%. Out of the LOIs we received, only 122 moved on to the second phase of the application process.

How many grants will be awarded? How many in each category?

The number of grants awarded isn't fixed - it depends on available funding and the number and strength of applications. We believe we'll be able to award between 50 and 60 grants this cycle. The number awarded in each category also depends on the amount of funding requested by each organization.

Will you publish the organizations accepted to apply for the grants?

We don't publish a list of organizations invited to move forward to the second round of the application process. Each organization is welcome to share their own involvement if they choose, and once final grants are awarded we'll publicly share information about the organizations receiving funding.

Does the story of the client need to be current or can it be a past client?

Current is best, but it can be a past client. The most important is the story should clearly illustrate the impact of your organization. We also don't want any identifying information of a client - privacy is important. You can anonymize as needed.

Will we get to see our feedback on our LOI so we can better understand if we should edit these editable sections imported from the original LOI?

We don't have detailed individualized feedback to share on each LOI. The organizations that moved forward were all very strong, based on how the LOIs were completed. Our best suggestion is to use the guidance from this webinar to strengthen any part of your application you can. In general, that means making your information as clear as possible, saying things succinctly, and ensuring someone who doesn't live and breathe your work every day can easily understand the impact your organization is making.

For the program budget, if we serve multiple counties can we use our budget for Pinellas County as our program budget?

Yes, you could use your Pinellas County budget as a program budget. That may help provide more context if you serve multiple locations beyond Pinellas.

For the Florida Charitable Solicitation Letter - do you want BOTH the letter and the Check-a charity screenshot?

One or the other is just fine, whichever is easiest for you to provide.