

Grant Applicant Eligibility

The Schenectady Foundation's 2022 Grant Program

Applicants must be non-profit corporations registered with the New York State Office of Charities Registration, and designated as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization by the IRS.

Applicants must primarily serve Schenectady County residents.

Additionally, local governments (counties, cities, towns, or villages) are generally ineligible to receive grant funding from the Foundation.

Grant Types:

The Foundation has set its top priorities around the focus areas of Equitable Access to Healthy Food and Neighborhood Revitalization. Grants are available in each category, as well as for projects related to pandemic recovery and other emerging ideas that warrant consideration.

Available, too, are Micro Grants that serve to fund smaller programs and pilot projects.

The Foundation aims to support organizations' projects and programs, with a focus on meaningful, measurable outcomes. Regardless of the type of request, applicants must establish their ability to complete and sustain projects beyond the Foundation's support.

The Foundation looks more favorably upon grant proposals that leverage other sources of funding as well, rather than relying solely on the Foundation's award to fully fund a project.

Grant Size

There is no specific minimum or maximum size for grant requests. Grants have ranged, in recent years, from \$1,000 to \$200,000. Micro Grants are available for applicants who request \$10,000 or less.

Multi-Year Grants

While organizations may apply for multi-year awards, the Foundation will rarely approve awards that extend past a two-year commitment. Organizations that have received Foundation funding are allowed to make subsequent requests once their most recent grant is complete.

Matching Grants

Occasionally, the Foundation will approve a grant with a matching condition, which entitles the grantee to funds once a particular amount has been secured from other sources.

References

The Foundation will seek the perspective of other funders, organization leaders, constituents, and customers of the applicant organization to add value to its understanding of the proposal.