

Grantee Eligibility

2018 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.

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

Grant Types

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

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

Grant Size

There is no specific minimum or maximum size for grant requests. Over the past three years, the average grant amount has been approximately \$40,000. The largest grant was \$1,000,000 and the smallest grant was \$2,500.

Multi-Year Grants

While organizations may apply for multi-year awards, the Foundation will rarely approve awards that extend past a three-year commitment.

Matching Grants

Occasionally, the Foundation will respond to a funding request with a matching grant, in order to stimulate the organization's fund development efforts, and to help to diversify the funding base.

References

The Foundation will seek the perspective of other funders, organization leaders, constituents, and customers of the applicant organization to add value to its deliberations. When providing references to the Foundation, it is recommended to include representatives of the community or population to be affected by the proposed project.