



**2018 Responsive Grantmaking Webinar  
Questions & Answers**

**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

**What is Responsive Grantmaking?**

Our Responsive Grantmaking program accepts unsolicited proposals and allows grantees to drive their program's agenda. Through our Responsive Grantmaking program, we support nonprofits with family-centered programming by providing [capacity building program](#), and [general operating](#) grants.

**How many grants will be made in each geography and/or grantmaking area?**

There is no pre-determined number of grants for each geography or grantmaking area. However, our process is competitive. Typically, we are only able to fund approximately 1/3 of the requests received.

**What is the average grant size or recommended ask?**

Our past grants can be viewed [HERE](#).

**Can an organization be funded for less than requested or will the request be denied if the full amount cannot be granted?**

Awarded grants may be funded for less than requested.

**ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS**

**Does the Foundation provide ongoing support?**

The Responsive Grantmaking program is not intended to be a source of ongoing support.

**Does the Foundation fund new organizations?**

New organizations and/or organizations new to the Foundation are encouraged to contact staff prior to submitting a request.

**Is there an organizational size requirement?**

General operating grants are the only type of grant with an organizational size requirement: Only organizations with budgets under \$2 million and with a board-approved strategic plan or business plan may apply for operating support.

**Who should I speak to about a specific project idea?**

Please contact the Foundation staff to discuss specific proposal ideas.

For inquiries related to grantmaking in DC, MD, NY, and VT, contact Marci Lu: [mlu@Oneill-foundation.org](mailto:mlu@Oneill-foundation.org) or 216-831-4134 x 105.

For inquiries related to grantmaking in FL, HI, OH, and TX, contact Symone McClain: [smcclain@Oneill-foundation.org](mailto:smcclain@Oneill-foundation.org) or 216-831-4134 x 101.

## **ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS: GEOGRAPHY**

### **Are organizations located outside of the Foundation's geographies eligible to apply?**

We encourage organizations located outside of our target geographies to contact Foundation staff before submitting a request.

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### **Am I eligible if my organization is located in one of the Foundation's geographies and does work elsewhere?**

No. The Foundation is interested in funding work that supports families in our target geographies.

### **Are national organizations eligible to apply?**

Generally, we do not fund national organizations. We encourage local affiliates or chapters of national organizations to apply for a single community. When in doubt, please contact the Foundation staff before submitting a request.

## **TYPES OF GRANTS QUESTIONS**

### **Can capacity building grants be used for staff salaries?**

Capacity building requests cannot be used for staff salaries.

For clarification on what grants can and cannot be used for, we encourage you to review the [capacity building](#), [program](#), or [general operating](#) grant pages.

## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

### **Which format should I follow when submitting my budget?**

You can use your own budget form to submit a project budget. However, your project budget should include all funding sources and related project expenses. Your project budget must also include a narrative that 1) describes which line items will be supported by the Foundation, and 2) indicates which funding sources are committed, pending, and/or anticipated.

### **What is the Activity Plan?**

The Activity Plan summarizes what you plan to accomplish with the funds awarded during the one-year grant period, your proposed activities, and how you plan to track and confirm your results. The Activity Plan is a required part of our grant application. If awarded a grant, you will be asked to refer to this plan to reflect on successes, challenges, and lessons learned in your Final Report.