SPRING AND FALL COMMUNITY GRANT CYCLE GUIDELINES

In an effort to provide flexible funding to trusted nonprofit partners, these grant cycles will offer unrestricted *general operating support* in our five-county region.

FUNDING

- Grant requests can be a maximum of **$20,000**
- This is a one-year grant term
- Number of grants awarded will depend on request sizes

FUNDING CRITERIA

To help manage expectations and guide the review process, we will prioritize organizations that:

- Are experiencing or anticipating public or private funding cuts
- Serve rural and under-resourced communities
- Are led by or serve historically underrepresented or marginalized pupulations
- Have a clear need for flexible operating support to sustain or stabilize their work

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

- 501 (c)3 organizations in our five-county region that have an established relationship with the Foundation
- We may consider fiscally sponsored organizations with prior approval from our program officer on a case-by-case basis
- This cycle is **not intended for first-time applicants or new organizations to the Foundation** - We recommend those groups explore on of our other grant opportunities

Please note: All eligible applications will be considered with priority given to organizations that align with the above priorities.

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO INQUIRE

- Organizations with a current multi-year grant from CFSCNY
- Organizations that received the prior community grants cycle award
  - **Ex:** *If you applied in the Fall, you may not apply in the Spring. You can reapply in the next Fall cycle and vice versa*
- Municipalities and School Districts

QUESTIONS? CALL OR EMAIL

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