

# Frequently Asked Questions About Grants

## Who is eligible to apply?

- Be a 501(c)(3) organization
- Provide services in Texas and New Mexico
- Provide services that align with the focus areas

In addition to determining basic eligibility, TMF considers the following as part of the due diligence process:

- Robust and stable leadership and governance
- Sound financial management
- Ability to achieve impact and help drive our vision and mission
- Recognition of the interconnected nature of challenges facing churches and communities
- Deep engagement with those whom the organization serves
- Demonstrate commitment to partner and collaborate to achieve impact
- Evidence that the proposed approach is likely to be effective and provide a significant opportunity to advance the field
- Commitment to defining clear goals and tracking results, learning and adapting, and sharing learnings with others

## What is grant funding NOT available for?

- Individuals
- Organizations that do not have a current 501(c)(3)
- General operating expenses for congregations (e.g., to fill in the gap of offerings or donations)
- Capital expenditures
- Endowment funds
- Annual fund campaigns
- Debt retirement
- Research
- Programs or services that do not serve communities in Texas or New Mexico
- Lobbying efforts, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service

## What is the typical grant award size?

Grant award amounts vary by request and are subject to funding available per year.

## Can an organization submit more than one application?

We allow one grant application from an organization per cycle. We encourage organizations to structure their application to reflect all the services and related costs for which they seek support.

### **What does it mean if our organization is invited to submit a full application?**

If you are invited to complete a full application, TMF staff members have determined that your idea may align with current priorities and we are interested in learning more.

The Grants team and committee will review submitted applications and present funding recommendations to the TMF Board of Directors. However, an invitation to complete a full application does not guarantee funding.

The selection process is highly competitive, and we are frequently unable to fund proposals even though they have merit.

### **Who should be on the grant writing team?**

Your grant writing team should include the people who have authority to make administrative decisions for the project and have access to budget and leadership data.

### **Who should be our organization's primary contact in the TMF grant application system?**

Your primary contact in the TMF application system should be the CEO, Executive Director, Sr Pastor, or person responsible for the work.

### **May I get feedback on my project idea before submitting an LOI?**

If you would like to review your project or program with a staff member, please email Vice President of Grants Ministry, [Wendolyn Abel](#) with a brief executive summary and contact information.

### **What organizations have been funded in the previous two years?**

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