2023 General Grant - NEW

Ausherman Family Foundation

LOI - Pre-Application

Thank you for your interest in completing an LOI for the Ausherman Family Foundation. This LOI is meant to be a brief summary of what you hope to do and how much funding you are requesting. Staff may reach out with additional questions.

Saving Your Work

As you work on your LOI or application, you can save a draft and come back to finish your work at any time. To do so, click "Save" at the bottom right hand side of this form.

When you return, you will see your draft LOI or application on your dashboard. Click "Edit LOI" or "Edit Application" to return to your draft.

If you'd like guidance on copying information from a previous grant request, pulling in information from your organization's Candid/GuideStar profile, or inviting a collaborator to work on a grant request, please click here.

Eligibility Requirements*
Please verify that your organization is eligible for AFF funding.

- The grant will serve Frederick County residents.
- Your organization qualifies as *one of* the following entities:
    - a nonprofit holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or
    - an organization fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) organization or
    - a recognized governmental entity including state, county, or city agencies such as a health department.

I have read and understand the listed eligibility requirements.

Choices

No
Yes

Governmental Entity*
Is your organization a governmental entity?

Choices

Yes
No

Grant Information

A Note about Character Counts
This grant portal requires us to set a specific character limit on all text questions. We have set almost all questions at the maximum limit to provide you as much flexibility in your answers as possible. Please note, *we are not looking for 10,000-character responses*. We have provided instructions throughout on the info we need and why. Here is a guide showing character counts and their approximate word and page counts.

Name of Grant Request*

The name **must** reflect the grant request purpose.

Character Limit: 250

Statement of Grant Intent*

Please provide a high-level, 1-2 sentence statement of the purpose for this grant request. For example, "Funding will be used to pay artist fees for a community mural."

Character Limit: 500

Amount Requested*

Please enter the amount you are requesting from Ausherman Family Foundation.

Character Limit: 20

General Operating Costs?*

Is your organization requesting funding for general operating costs?

If the request is for any other type of grant (e.g. project, programming, capacity building, etc.), please respond No.

Choices

Yes
No

New or Returning*

AFF would like to know if your organization is a New or Returning organization based on the definitions below.

- Returning - If your organization has *applied for* and *received* grant funding from AFF, and your mission and geographic region served have remained the same, please choose **No** below.

- New - If your organization 1) has not applied previously, even if it has received funding designated by one of our Trustees, or 2) has changed its mission or geographic region served, please choose **Yes** below.

Are you a new applicant?

Choices
Yes
No

The matching question below does NOT open another set of questions in the LOI. Instead, it is copied over to the application, where additional questions are asked.

Matching Grant*
Matching grants can be a good way to attract the attention of new donors. Funds for challenge matches will be disbursed to your organization only after matching funds are raised.

AFF generally provides 1:1 matches for its matching grants, but other options are available. For example, your organization may want to request that for every two dollars it raises it would like to receive a one dollar match. Or your organization may wish to request a partially matching grant, so that part of the grant funds are distributed right away, and the other part is distributed once the match is met.

Are you requesting a challenge matching grant?

Choices
Yes
No
Partially Matching

Fiscal Sponsor*
If your organization is fiscally sponsored by another entity, and you are applying under the sponsor's tax ID number, please respond Yes.
Fiscal sponsors are typically used by organizations which are not 501(c)(3)s and rely on the support and sponsorship of a 501(c)(3) organization to obtain grant funds.

Choices
Yes
No

Grant Requests of $25,000 or More

All grant request over $25,000 are subject to a financial review by AFF's Finance Committee. If your organization has not had a review during this calendar year, please email info@ausherman.org with the subject line "Financial Review Application Request," and we will assign a Financial Review form to you.

Cash on Hand
What is your organization's total amount of cash and liquid assets?

Character Limit: 20

Budgeted Expenses
What is the total amount of your organization's budgeted expenses for the year?

Character Limit: 20

Number of employees
Character Limit: 10

Organizational Information

Applicant Staff Size*
Please provide the number of paid employees (not FTEs), whether those employees are full- or part-time.

Choices
None
1 to 5
6 to 15
16 to 50
51 or more
Unknown

Applicant Budget*
Choices
Up to $100,000
$100,001 to $250,000
$250,001 to $500,000
$500,001 to $1,000,000
$1,000,001 to $5,000,000
$5,000,001 or more
Unknown

Project or Programming Grants

Proposal Description*

What will your organization do with this grant funding if awarded?

Please describe the program or project your organization plans to implement or continue.

Character Limit: 10000

Anticipated Results*

Briefly note the results your organization expects to see as a result of this grant.

Character Limit: 10000

Organizational Information for New Applicants

Fiscal Year Start*

Please include month and day. *Example - 7/1*

Character Limit: 250

Fiscal Year End*

Please include month and day.

Character Limit: 250

Organization's Background*

Succinctly (in 2 or 3 short paragraphs) describe the organization's history.

Character Limit: 10000

Board Roster*

Upload or enter the *names, email addresses, city/state, role(s) on the board, and professions/areas of expertise* of your board of directors.

Character Limit: 10000 | File Size Limit: 2 MB

General Operating Grants

The questions in this section refer to the long-term impacts your organization hopes to achieve. These questions are not specific to this particular grant.

Impact Goals*

What is your organization aiming to accomplish? Please answer briefly.

Character Limit: 10000

Impact Capabilities*

What are your organization's capabilities for doing this? Please note the resources your organization has, or has access to, to help achieve its goals. The resources may include human or financial resources, particular strengths of your board or staff, crucial partnerships, or access to technology or other equipment.

Character Limit: 10000

Impact Strategies*

What strategies has your organization used to achieve its goals? If your organization is shifting its strategies, what strategies do you foresee using in the future?

Character Limit: 10000

Impact Indicators*

How will your organization know if you are making progress?

Character Limit: 10000

Impact Progress*

What have you accomplished so far and what's next?

Character Limit: 10000

Applicant Signature

Name of Person Submitting Request*

Character Limit: 60

Email Address of Person Submitting Grant Request

Character Limit: 254

Authorized*

I certify that I am authorized to submit grant requests on behalf of this organization.

Choices
I am authorized

NOTE: As part of the online grant application system you are using, you may receive emails related to your request. These emails will be sent from the following email address: **administrator@grantinterface.com**.

To ensure that you receive these emails, please verify that the email address administrator@grantinterface.com is added to your safe sender list.

Instructions on adding an email address to the safe senders list.

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Thank you for taking the time to submit an LOI to Ausherman Family Foundation.

Please check your inbox after pressing Submit to find confirmation of your submission.

Interest Area*

Please choose the primary interest area this grant will serve. Click here for more information about these options.

Choices

Arts & Culture
Children, Youth, & Families
Health & Human Services
Public/Society Benefit

Accounting Codes*

(Internal field)

51003 Health & Human Services

51103 Art & Culture

51203 Children, Youth, & Families

51903 Public/Society Benefit

Choices

51003

51103

51203

51903

Grant Category*

Choices

One-Year Grant
Multi-Year Grant

Site Visit Notes

Character Limit: 3000

Staff Site Visit Notes

Character Limit: 5000

Committee Funding Amount Recommendation

Character Limit: 20

Time of Site Visit

Character Limit: 50

Location of Site Visit
Character Limit: 250

Present at GCM
Character Limit: 10

Revisit at GCM
Character Limit: 10

Present at BOT
Character Limit: 10

Revisit at BOT
Character Limit: 10

Staff Recommendations 2023
Include date of recommendation and, if applicable, date of any updates.

Character Limit: 10000

Grant on Hold
(Internal Question)

Choices
Yes
No

Explanation for Hold
(Internal Question)
If grant approval or denial is pending, explain why, and give the date the grant was put on hold.

Character Limit: 1500