

2022-2023 Capacity Building Virtual Orientation Q&A Summary

October 11, 2023 | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Are fiscally sponsored organizations eligible to apply?

A fiscally sponsored organization does qualify, as long as they have been under the umbrella organization for at least two years as of September 1, 2022.

Are statewide organizations, collective impact organizations, or collaboratives (with a dedicated backbone) eligible to apply?

Yes, statewide organizations and collaboratives are eligible to apply if over 50% of the clients are based in North Texas.

Is the Capacity-Building Grant for North Texas Nonprofits only?

CFT's grant opportunities are available to nonprofits who serve clients in North Texas.

My organization operates in multiple locations and has a total budget over \$3 million. If we're applying for our North Texas location only, are we eligible to apply using a site-specific budget?

Yes, you may apply with a site-specific budget.

When is the deadline to submit the grant application?

Friday, November 11, 2022, by 11:59 p.m.

Can you define "underemployed"?

For purposes of the Capacity-Building Grant, we define underemployed as being below a livable wage or working multiple low wage jobs instead of one quality job.

Are schools with before and after school programs eligible to apply?

No, the focus for this opportunity is for nonprofits who have targeted out-of-school time programs for a wider range of youth.

Is grant funding for the calendar year or fiscal year?

Funding can be for calendar or fiscal year; however it would make most sense for your nonprofit.

Will organizations that don't meet all of the Funding Priorities be able to have a competitive application?

If your grant application addresses one or more of the Funding Priorities, it will still be a competitive application.

If my organization is selected for funding, will CFT fund all of the capacity-building projects I include in the application? For each project, can I request \$2,500-\$15,000, is that the total grant amount that may be given?

If your organization is funded, we cannot guarantee that our funding will cover all of the expenses from each of your submitted capacity building projects. We ask that organizations prioritize their capacity building projects so we can focus our funding on top priorities first. The total grant amount, inclusive of one or all three different capacity-building projects, will be between \$2,500-\$15,000.

Are churches eligible to apply?

We have funded church and religious organizations in the past, as long as the project is not evangelism-based.

My organization is not based in the zip codes listed in Funding Priorities—am I still eligible to apply?

CFT will consider applications from organizations serving clients within any of the 20 counties listed for North Texas.

Is it possible to include a capacity-building project that starts prior to the notification date of February 10, 2023?

Yes, as long as the capacity-building project is still running during the funding timeline (so at least a portion of the capacity building work is ongoing during the first half of 2023).

Is it possible to receive a grant amount lower than the amount requested in the application?

Yes, we may award a lower amount rather than declining the request altogether.

Is it ok to allocate a percentage of funding to staff time to execute the capacity-building project?

Yes, so long as the work being done by staff is specifically for the capacity-building project, you may allocate funding to that staff time.

Can my organization receive feedback or notes from the application reviewers after decisions are made?

Yes, we are happy to provide feedback from our reviewers.

How does one determine fair market value for non-profit consultants?

There are many ways that that can be done. You might research consultants with the focus you are seeking and request pricing directly from them. Additionally, if you know of a nonprofit that invested in a similar project as you are planning, you can connect with them to ask for advice. CFT can also assist using the information we have from consultants we have worked with in the past.

Is there a proposed allocation of grant funding based on organization budget size (e.g. funding designated for organizations with budgets under \$500,000 vs over \$500,000)?

We don't have a specific target number at this moment, we anticipate having clearer goals once we receive the applications and see who has applied.

Do you need to include consultant proposal details with the application?

Including consultant/service provider proposal details is optional within the application. It is not an expectation or requirement of all applicants.

Do you offer the chance to share an application for review and suggestions for improvement, such as clarification and completeness, before submitting?

Due to the volume of applications we receive, we aren't able to offer direct review for nonprofits, but the office hours are a great chance to run your ideas by a CFT officer.