



PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION

2026 Grantmaking Update

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **How is Philadelphia Foundation approaching its work in 2026 and beyond?**
 - Philadelphia Foundation has committed to do all it can as a funder, fundraiser, partner, and key civic actor to increase generational economic mobility. PF is launching a new grant program in 2026 to build new partnerships with workforce development providers with strong outcomes to help build a more connected workforce and opportunity ecosystem across the region. Several of PF's past discretionary grant programs will be phased out as greater commitments to economic mobility are made. However, PF's longstanding unrestricted support for strong, direct service organization will remain, prioritizing gaps in direct services to those whose safety and wellbeing are at greatest risk.
- **How does the application process work this year?**
 - Organizations begin by accessing Philadelphia Foundation's grant portal and completing the prequalification screening. Once eligibility is confirmed, they are directed to the appropriate Request for Information (RFI). Based on RFI responses, some organizations will be invited to submit a full proposal. As in prior years, organizations may apply for one competitive grant per calendar year and may also apply for Special Initiative funding when eligible.
- **What is the purpose of the RFI?**
 - Organizations will share program information so we can understand their work and assess alignment with our grant offerings.

- **What happens after I submit an RFI?**
 - Philadelphia Foundation will review RFI responses and determine which organizations will be invited to submit a full proposal through an Request for Proposal (RFP) in the relevant funding stream.
- **What are the key dates for the RFI?**
 - The RFI opens on April 23 and closes on June 5.
- **When will I be notified if my organization is invited to submit a full proposal?**
 - RFI responses are reviewed on a rolling basis. Invitations to respond to the Request for Proposal (RFP) will be sent after each RFI is reviewed.
- **Is the RFP open to everyone?**
 - No. Full proposals are invite-only. Invitations are based on RFI responses and alignment with Philadelphia Foundation's strategic priorities.
- **When are proposals due?**
 - Once an organization is invited to respond to an RFP, applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Funding decisions are made three times a year: in June, September, and November. To be considered for funding in 2026, invited organizations must submit full proposals by September 30.
- **What are Special Initiatives?**
 - Special Initiatives have their own eligibility criteria and accept applications on a rolling basis throughout the year. Please visit this webpage for more information.
- **I'm a longtime Philadelphia Foundation partner and my work may not align with the new economic mobility focus. Should I still apply?**
 - Yes. Philadelphia Foundation is taking a phased approach and will consider continuity and transition support for trusted partners with a long history of Philadelphia Foundation funding who meet critical community needs, even if their work does not fully align with the new economic mobility focus.
- **When are grants awarded and paid?**
 - Funding will be disbursed in June, September, and November.
- **Where can I get help or learn more?**
 - Submit additional questions to grantmakingservices@philafound.org or visit philafound.org for the most up-to-date information on [available grants](#) and the Request for Information (RFI).