

## FUNDING GUIDELINES

### Guidelines

- The Foundation is subject to Internal Revenue Service rules and regulations governing private and charitable foundations.
- The Foundation only accepts grant requests submitted through the online grant application system.
- The Foundation provides grant funding to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.
- The Foundation will consider programs, events and projects must fall within the scope of its mission and funding priorities.
- Funding decisions are based on the perceived overall benefit to the communities in the Company's [service territory](#).
- The Foundation awards only one grant to an organization per year. Therefore, organizations should carefully evaluate their funding needs and determine which funding cycle to pursue.

### Qualified Nonprofit Organizations

To be considered a qualified nonprofit, your organization must meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S.-based IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization
- Be physically located in OG&E's [service territory](#)
- Serve communities without discrimination against any individual based on race, creed, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, veteran status, national origin, religion, or any other protected characteristics
- Have a method by which to measure, track, and report outcomes and specific results that demonstrate community impact/Return on Investment (ROI)

### Ineligible Programs and Projects

The Foundation does not fund grants for Programs/Events associated with, but not limited to, the following:

- Individual persons or families
- A building, capital investments or improvements
- Dinners, luncheons or other forms of indirect support
- Organizations that are not currently 501(c)(3) approved
- Organizations that are located outside of OG&E's [service territory](#)

## FUNDING GUIDELINES

- Political parties, campaigns, or candidates
- Religious activities to further religious doctrines. However, the Foundation will consider grant requests from faith-based organizations that provide services to all clients, regardless of denomination
- Sports teams/events such as tournaments (other than Special Olympics)
- Organizations offering goods or services to employees as a benefit of grant approval (e.g., tickets for golf tournaments, tickets for fundraising dinners, tables, tickets to special events)

### Grants Cycle

The Foundation will accept applications according to the schedule below:

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	COMMITTEE MEETINGS
October 1 – January 31	March
February 1 – May 31	July
June 1 – September 30	November

### Teachers/Schools/Parent Teacher Organizations

The Company partners with DonorsChoose.org to support teachers and contributes \$30,000 in donations each year. To request funding for classroom projects please visit their [website](#).

### Assistance with Lighting

If your organization is seeking funding for assistance with lighting or utility poles, please call (405) 553-3000 and ask for the Retail Energy department.

### Community Relations Requests

If your organization is seeking funding for projects or sponsorships under \$1,500 or computer donations, please call (405) 553-3000 and ask for the Community Relations department.

### Contact Us

If you have questions about the OGE Foundation or application process, contact us at (405) 553-3493 or by email at [ogeecfd@oge.com](mailto:ogeecfd@oge.com).