

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ELIGIBILITY

How do I know if my organization is eligible to apply?

To qualify for grant funding consideration, your organization must meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S.-based IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization
- Be geographically located in OGE&E's [service territory](#)
- Serve communities without discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, creed, gender, age, sexual orientation or national origin
- Have a method by which to measure, track, and report program outcomes and specific results that demonstrate measurable community impact.

What are the Foundation's areas of focus?

- Community Development:
Programs that build healthy, vibrant and resilient communities (e.g., housing and financial literacy, and business support and development).
- Culture & Arts:
Programs that increase the opportunity and accessibility of arts and cultural programs (e.g., artistic and cultural activities, enhancement of educational curriculum, STEM related activities).
- Education:
Programs that focus on educational opportunities for youth in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) (e.g., hands-on learning opportunities that demonstrate STEM linkage).
- Environment:
Programs that focus on making a positive environmental impact (e.g., habitat restoration and conservation, protecting natural resources).
- Health & Human Services:
Programs that address the most challenging human needs in our communities (e.g., human services that protect, sustain, and enhance lives).
- Public & Civic Affairs:
Programs that provide civic engagement opportunities, further the depth of understanding, and encourage participation in public life in our communities (e.g., civic learning, service, leadership development, increase civic participation).

What are the application deadlines?

Applications will be accepted according to the schedule below:

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	QUARTERLY MEETING
OCTOBER 1 – JANUARY 31	MARCH
FEBRUARY 1 – MAY 31	JULY
JUNE 1 – SEPTEMBER 31	NOVEMBER

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APPLICATION SUBMISSION

How do I apply for a grant?

- You can apply for a grant via the [OGE FOUNDATION APPLICATION SYSTEM](#).
- The application system is accessible at ogeenergy.com (click on Stewardship / OGE Energy Corp. Foundation / College Matching Gifts).

What documents are required for processing my application?

- IRS 501(c)(3) confirmation letter
- IRS Form 990
- Project/Event/Program budget (specific use of funds)
- Annual Company budget
- Evaluation materials that document outcomes/impacts of program if currently underway

Once I start an application, can I save it and complete it later?

Yes, you will be required to create a profile in the application system. You can save an incomplete application and log back in at any time to finish and submit it. You can also log in update your profile information, view your completed application, or check the status of your application.

Will I be able to print my application?

Yes, you will be able to log into your profile and view your application or print it at any time.

Can I copy and paste from my organizational documents into the online application?

Yes, this feature will help save time and avoid retyping of important information.

How do I know if my application has been received?

Once your application has been submitted you will receive two verifications of receipt.

- An email stating that your application has been received
- A Foundation Representative will contact you directly confirming receipt of your application

Can I send extra items such as video/audio tapes, newspaper articles, DVDs, etc.?

The only items that will be reviewed are those submitted through the Online Application. Please do not mail in any materials.

How frequently can my organization apply for a grant?

The Foundation provides funding to organizations only once in a 12-month period.

What is the maximum amount my organization can apply for?

Currently, there are no grant limits; however, grants are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and awarded based on the overall benefit to communities.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

What is the process after I apply?

Once submitted, each grant application will go through an evaluation process, which typically takes approximately one to four months.

- You will receive an automatic confirmation of receipt
- A representative will contact you to review your application
- Your application will be assessed initially against the eligibility criteria and a decision will be made as to whether your application will progress to the next stage. If your application fails to make it to the next stage, you will be informed in writing (email or letter)
- If your application meets the criteria to go forward, your application will be reviewed by the Foundation Committee. If your application is not approved for funding, you will be informed in writing (email or letter)
- If your application is approved, you will be informed by email and given information on how to proceed to receive funding

If my grant is approved, how long does it take to receive funding?

The funding process may take up to one month after grant approval.

If our agency's program serves clients both in and out of the Foundation's service territory, can we use our grant money for all the clients in our program?

No. Foundation funds must be used to benefit the residents in the approved service territory.

If my grant is approved, what information do we need to provide about the success of our project and how the money was spent?

All grant recipients are required to provide a report of project accomplishments at the conclusion of the grant. You will receive an email near the end of your grant cycle with instructions on how to complete an Impact Report.

Electronic submission of the following documents will also be required as part of your Impact Reporting:

- Your organization's financial statements, such as the balance sheet and income & expense statement for the year(s) in which the grant was used
- Evaluation materials that document outcomes/impacts (e.g., test score results)
- Documentation of OGE's recognition as outlined in your application (e.g., copy of printed recognition, link to website with logo, etc.)
- Pictures of your event/project

Who do I contact if I have questions about the grant application process?

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