



Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Seasonal Grants at the Santa Fe Community Foundation

Can I apply to more than one season per year?

In order to share our limited discretionary funds with more grantseekers, each nonprofit entity may only apply for funding **once** per calendar year.

We received a Community Grant last year – can we apply again for funding this year?

No – if your organization received a community grant from us in the last calendar year, you are not eligible to apply for a community grant from us in the current calendar year. If you are not sure whether your organization received a community grant from us in 2017, contact Diane Hamamoto (dhamamoto@santafecf.org) to find out.

We received a Community Grant last year, but can we still be included in the Giving Together catalogue this year?

Yes. There is a short one-page *Giving Together* application. Once you log in [<https://sfcf.spectrumportal.net/>], you will see links to the *Giving Together* and grant applications.

I've been applying for years but we never get funded. Is there a way I can get into the Giving Together catalogue without completing a proposal?

Yes. See above link.

What is the Giving Together catalogue?

The Giving Together catalogue, begun in 2010, is a summary all proposals we receive each grant cycle that meet basic due diligence. This catalogue is shared with our fundholders, who are invited to make grants in support of any proposal in the catalogue. To see samples of past Giving Together catalogues, click here:

<https://www.santafecf.org/nonprofits/grantseekers/giving-together>.

When will the Native American or Envision Fund (Lesbian & Gay) grant cycles be held?

Native American and Envision Fund grant cycles run concurrently with the Fall grant cycle.

How do I know how much funding to request?

All grants will be \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000, depending on your annual budget. For organizations whose annual budget is under \$150,000, you may apply for a \$5,000 grant; for organizations whose annual budget is between \$150,000 and \$500,000, you may apply for a

\$10,000 grant; for organizations with an annual budget over \$500,000, you may apply for a \$15,000 grant.

Why aren't you making larger grants anymore?

Our grants are relatively small because we want to provide unrestricted resources that can be used to leverage other funding from donors and other foundations. It is our explicit hope that SFCF grants be used to attract other funding to the good work being done by our grantee organizations.

Is it better to apply for project support or general operating support?

Since 2011, we only make general operating support grants. We recognize that, if we believe in and want to support the work of your organization, it's just as important to 'keep the lights on' as it is to support special projects. You do have the option to apply for project support – keep in mind, however, that your grant amount request will be based upon the *project's* budget size.

Are you funding Animal Welfare proposals?

We will accept proposals relating to animal welfare in the Fall Grant Cycle. Although the Foundation does not have discretionary funds available for animal welfare-related grants, we will include summaries of all animal welfare proposals (that meet basic due diligence) in the *Giving Together* catalogue that accompanies the Fall Community Grant Cycle for consideration by our fundholders.

I have a start-up nonprofit, can I apply for funding?

We only consider proposals from organizations that have at least a three-year track record of their own operations.

We don't have our own 501c3 designation - can we still apply for funding?

We accept proposals from nonprofits that either have their own 501c3 designation, or that are working under the formal designation of a fiscal sponsor that has its own 501c3 letter.