

FUND FOR OMAHA

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why has OCF decided to change the application process?

As OCF has evolved, we want to ensure the philosophy of our grant program aligns with our strategic priorities. In addition, we want to be sure the process and application is commensurate with the amount awarded. The work you do in our community is important, impactful and valuable and we want to treat your time and effort with the utmost respect.

2. What are the eligibility requirements?

Be a public 501(c)(3) organization located in Douglas, Sarpy, or Pottawattamie Counties.

3. What are the criteria?

- Organizational strength: Strong board, executive leadership and financial integrity.
- Understanding of needs: Clearly defined need, affected population and strategy to address need.
- Strength of strategy: Evidence of proven methods or promising strategies, outcomes measurement and integrated learning.
- Resource management: Coordination with other programs, nonprofits, or community work.
- Leveraging resources for further impact on the organization, affected population or community.
- Growth potential: Sustainably pursuing promising or innovative work.
- Capacity building: Leading to more organizational capacity to serve the community.

4. When will the application be open?

The Letter of Intent will be open July 1st–July 31st. Nonprofit organizations selected to continue in the application process will be notified on August 21st. The full application will be open August 21st–September 18th for those invited to apply.

5. What is the possible size of the grant?

\$5,000–\$25,000

6. How long will the review process be for the Letter of Intent?

The review process will take three weeks.

7. How will my organization be notified if we are able to apply for the full grant?

Organizations invited to apply will be notified via an email containing the link to the full application.

8. Who should I contact with any questions?

Tina McGaugh, Program Assistant, tina@omahafoundation.org

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9. What is the total to be awarded?

A total of \$318,000 is available to grant. This total represents a full year of support from the Fund for Omaha, which was traditionally broken up over a Spring and Fall grant cycle. For 2015, the Fund for Omaha grant committee will award all support in this Fall cycle. In 2016, there will again be two grant cycles.



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