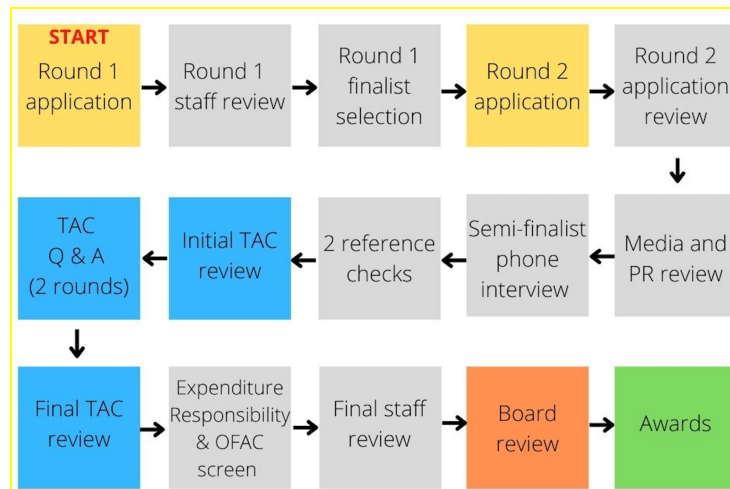




Honnold Foundation Grantee Review Process

Below is an overview of the Honnold Foundation Core Fund application and review process. All funded projects are thoroughly vetted using the below steps and approved by the HF Board of Directors for funding.

Yellow = Applicant Action; Gray = Staff Action; Blue = Technical Advisory Committee Action; Orange = Board



All applicants, regardless of their partnership history with HF, are required to complete the Round 1 and Round 2 applications and pass the Media/PR Review. Additionally, all organizations based outside of the United States are subject to OFAC terrorism screening and the Expenditure Responsibility review. New partners, those who have not received an HF award in the recent past, must pass through the entire review process outlined above including the reference checks, phone interview, and a full Technical Advisor Committee (TAC) review.

Partner organizations that have received a Core Fund award in the recent past have already gained the trust of HF staff and thus are exempt from certain aspects of the review process.

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They are, however, still subject to all the vetting stages listed above should HF staff deem necessary.

Technical Advisory Committee

Every year solar technology experts, designers, and installers dedicate their time to the Core Fund review. All committee members have a thorough understanding and knowledge of solar design and installation and use this expertise to evaluate the technical aspects of the finalist applications.

In their role, the TAC members use application materials and a series of Q&A sessions with the applicant to answer the following questions:

1. *Viability*: Is the solar infrastructure solution using viable technology?
2. *Feasibility*: Can the solar solution be used for the intended purpose in the stated context/circumstances?
3. *Potential challenges*: Are there any red flags or concerns?
4. *Areas of promise*: what about this project is the most promising or compelling?

Though the TAC review is not the only factor in determining to whom HF ultimately awards funding, they are a key part of the decision-making process.

Eligibility Criteria

The minimum criteria that applying organizations must meet in order to be eligible for an award from HF are as follows:

- The organization is community-based and/or has a clear community connection
- The organization has a charitable status in its country of origin, or has a charitable or social impact mission



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- The majority of the funding will be used for the construction of new solar infrastructure and/or the improvement of existing solar infrastructure (ie: grid-tied solar, solar home systems, solar water pump, etc.)
- The organization has identified a technical partner (installer) to develop new and/or improve existing solar infrastructure
- The funding will be used to increase social and economic equity for underserved/marginalized communities
- The funding will be used to limit environmental impact by reducing dependence on or usage of fossil fuels or other energy sources known to be highly pollutive (diesel oil, wood, kerosene, coal-powered utility grids, etc.)
- The funding will be used to support work in a single community or a small cohort of communities
- The community served is involved in the creation and/or maintenance and management of the work the funding supports