2024 GRANT PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

This FAQ document may be updated with new information based on questions received and guidance provided to applicants. Updates will be posted at www.OneOhioFoundation.com/Grants.

General Questions

Question: What if I have questions not captured in this FAQ? Who can I reach out to for help?
Answer: Please take time to thoroughly review this FAQ and other resources provided on our website. Questions not captured in this FAQ or elsewhere should be sent to: Apply@OneOhioFoundation.com

Question: Where can I find information about the OneOhio 2024 Regional Grant Cycle?
Answer: All information about the 2024 Regional Grant Cycle will be posted on the OneOhio Grants Headquarters webpage, www.OneOhioFoundation.com/Grants.

Question: Where can I find the 2024 Regional Grant Request for Proposals (RFP)?
Answer: The RFP will be posted on the OneOhio Grants HQ webpage on Monday, March 4.

Question: Where can I find the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) referenced in the RFP?
Answer: Click this link to view the OneOhio MOU.

Question: Where can I find the Ohio Abatement Strategies referenced in the RFP?
Answer: Click this link to view the Ohio Abatement Strategies.

Question: Where can I find the Funding Priorities referenced in the RFP?
Answer: Click this link to view a fact sheet summarizing the funding priorities.

Question: How do I access the 2024 Regional Grant Cycle application?
Answer: Access to the OneOhio Grant Portal will be posted on the Grants HQ webpage. On March 4, entities may begin to register in the OneOhio Grant Portal. On April 2, a link to the application within the Grant Portal will be posted on the Grants HQ website and remain open until May 3 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Question: Do I need to create an account in order to register an entity in the OneOhio Grant Portal?
Answer: Yes. In order to register an entity in the Grant Portal, an account must first be created to access the OneOhio Grant Portal.

Question: Does an entity need to be registered in order to submit an application?
Answer: Yes. All entities applying for funds must first register in the OneOhio Grant Portal. Registration opens March 4.

Question: What is akoyaGO and why do I keep hearing about them during this process?
Answer: akoyaGO is a software company that has been selected by the Foundation to build the new OneOhio Grant Portal.

General Questions (continued)

Question: Will OneOhio provide funding to help pay for costs associated with the preparation and submission of applications?
Answer: No. Applicants take full responsibility for all costs incurred in the preparation, submission, and other activities undertaken by the applicant associated with the proposal.

Question: Are all applicants guaranteed funding?
Answer: No. The submitted application is not a commitment for funds, nor does it obligate the Regional Grant Review Committees or the OneOhio Recovery Foundation to grant or lend any form of financial assistance.

Question: Can entities submit an application outside of the OneOhio Grant Portal?
Answer: No. Proposals must be received via the OneOhio Grant Portal.

Question: What if we're not sure our organization can follow through on the funding commitments?
Answer: Applicants must certify their capacity to fulfill and/or provide the project described in the application.

Question: My organization submitted an application but we no longer wish to apply. What do we do?
Answer: Applications submitted prior to the due date may be withdrawn only by the applicant. The applicant may withdraw the proposal by contacting Apply@OneOhioFoundation.com.

Question: Can the OneOhio Recovery Foundation reject funding proposals?
Answer: Yes. The OneOhio Recovery Foundation reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals.

Question: Will my application and potential proprietary information included in it be kept confidential?
Answer: After grants are awarded, information contained in the applications may be subject to the OneOhio Foundation Transparency Policy and viewed and/or copied by any member of the public, including news agencies and competitors. Applicants who believe that the information submitted in their grant application contains a trade or business secret must disclose this in their grant application and make a request that the information be treated as confidential.

Question: What if there's a disagreement regarding the confidentiality of some information?
Answer: The OneOhio Recovery Foundation reserves the right to make determinations of confidentiality. If the applicant designates aspects of the application confidential and the Foundation instead believes that the information is subject to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Transparency Policy, Foundation staff will discuss its determination with the applicant.

Question: Can OneOhio cancel the 2024 Regional Grant Cycle?
Answer: While we do not anticipate this happening, the OneOhio Recovery Foundation reserves the right to cancel this request for proposals if it is in the best interest of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation as determined by the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board of Directors. In the event such an action is taken, notice will be posted on the OneOhio Recovery Foundation website, and notice of the posting will be distributed to all registered in the OneOhio Grants Portal.

OneOhioFoundation.com/Grants

Application Eligibility & Process

Question: Who may apply for OneOhio Recovery Foundation funding?
Answer: Nonprofit entities, private entities, and government entities that benefit local communities engaged in programs that meet the charitable purposes of the Foundation may apply.

Question: Are individuals eligible to apply for OneOhio Recovery Foundation funding?
Answer: No. However, we encourage individuals to work with eligible entities to facilitate the best use of grant funding.

Question: Can individuals apply for and receive funding for personal use?
Answer: No. Direct payments to individuals are not an approved use of funds, pursuant to the legal settlement agreements.

Question: Are nonprofit organizations other than 501(c)(3) organizations eligible to apply?
Answer: Yes. Active nonprofits in good standing are eligible to apply. If a nonprofit does not file a 990 form with the IRS, it will be required to submit a W-9 with the organization's EIN. In addition, the same financial documents will be requested from all nonprofits, regardless of IRS status, including financial statements and an audit, if available.

Question: What if the nonprofit organization has not had a formal audit completed?
Answer: If an organization has not had a formal audit completed, please explain why through the registration process.

Question: Can out-of-state entities apply for funding?
Answer: Funding may only support services provided in Ohio.

Question: What are the OneOhio Funding Priorities?
Answer: The Foundation has organized the Approved Purposes and Ohio Abatement Strategies into 10 distinct funding priority areas. More information is available here.

Question: How many funding priorities may an entity apply to support?
Answer: Each application may only support one funding priority.

Question: If an entity received direct funding from a local government's share of opioid settlement funds, can they also receive OneOhioRecovery Foundation funds from the settlement?
Answer: Yes. However, applicants should clearly describe how local government dollars and any other sources of funding will be used, and explain why additional Foundation dollars are needed. Foundation dollars may not supplant existing funding.

Question: Can multiple entities partner to submit one application?
Answer: Yes. Although a single institution or organization must be the lead applicant, multi-agency and multi-region partnerships are allowable and encouraged.

Question: Is there funding available for statewide projects or initiatives?
Answer: No. At this time, only region-specific projects will be considered for funding. However, applicants may apply for funding from multiple regions for programs and services that impact multiple regions.

Application Eligibility & Process (continued)

Question: How many applications may one entity submit?
Answer: One entity may submit multiple applications to support different programs or services in a region or multiple regions. However, applicants are encouraged to consider each region's current fund balance when applying. Organizations and communities are strongly encouraged to collaborate to maximize funding impact and minimize the number of applications.

Question: If an entity would like to apply for more than one grant, do they need to complete more than one application?
Answer: Yes. The entity should submit one application per proposed project. For example, if an organization would like to apply for three separate grants for services in different areas of the state or three different abatement strategies, that organization should submit three separate applications.

Question: Are letters of support required as part of the Region Grant application process?
Answer: No. However, applicants will have an opportunity to upload letters during the application process in order to show support for a funding request.

Question: Will my grant be considered if it includes a capital project?
Answer: Yes. Capital projects are allowable.

Question: Are fiscal agents/sponsors allowable under this funding?
Answer: Yes. Fiscal agents/sponsors are allowable and must be disclosed during registration.

Question: When are applications due?
Answer: The grant application window will open on Tuesday, April 2 and all applications must be submitted in the OneOhio Grant Portal by Friday, May 3 at 11:59 p.m EST.

Application Submission & Scoring

Question: My organization is ready to fill out an application. Now what?
Answer: All 2024 Regional Grant Cycle information will be available at OneOhioFoundation.com/Grants. The application will go live in the OneOhio Grant Portal on Tuesday, April 2. All entities wishing to submit a grant application must use the OneOhio Grant Portal to register the entity within the system. The system will not allow a grant application to be submitted without first completing the registration process.

Question: Where do I find the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant Portal to submit my application?
Answer: All grant information will be posted at OneOhioFoundation.com/Grants. Entities will be able to access the OneOhio Grant Portal via the Grants HQ webpage.

Question: How long will it take to review the applications and announce grant awards?
Answer: Grant application review and award timing will be impacted by a variety of factors, including total number of applications received, as well as scheduled meetings of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation's Board of Directors and the 19 OneOhio Regions. Updates will be sent to registered organizations via email and posted on the OneOhio Grants HQ webpage.

Application Submission & Scoring (continued)

Question: Who is reviewing the grant applications?
Answer: For the 2024 Regional Grant Cycle, which will award only region grants, the review process will include: OneOhio Recovery Foundation staff; 19 Regional Grant Review Committees; the OneOhio Expert Panel; the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant Committee; and the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board of Directors. All grant reviewers will be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement.

Question: What is the role of the 19 OneOhio Regions?
Answer: Each of the 19 OneOhio Regions will create a Regional Grant Review Committee to review and recommend recipients for funding.

Question: Is there a limit on the amount of money that can be requested by an entity?
Answer: No. There are no minimum or maximum request amount limitations. However, the total grants awarded for a region must be within the total regional funding budget allocation as detailed in the Regional Funding Table included in the RFP.

Question: Is there a limit on the total amount awarded to a grantee?
Answer: No. There are no minimum or maximum award limitations. However, the total grants awarded for a region must be within the total regional funding budget allocation as detailed in the Regional Funding Table included in the RFP.

Question: Is there a minimum funding threshold to apply for a grant?
Answer: No. All grant applications, no matter the amount requested, are welcome and encouraged.

Question: Can you further define or provide examples of what is considered "supplantation"?
Answer: The OneOhio MOU prohibits grantees from replacing existing funding with OneOhio Recovery Foundation funds. Replacing existing funding or efforts would be considered supplantation. However, adding to, expanding, or enhancing existing work is allowable. For example, if a city were to decide to reduce or replace previously allocated city funds with OneOhio Recovery Foundation funds to support an existing abatement program, this would be considered supplantation and, therefore, would be unallowable.

Question: Are the 19 OneOhio Regions creating their own scoring rubrics and processes?
Answer: No. All applicants will apply using the OneOhio Grant Portal and all scoring will be consistent across the state, while taking into account priorities determined by the Region Boards, if applicable.

Question: What role will the Expert Panel play and what authority does it have?
Answer: The Expert Panel advises the OneOhio Board of Directors and its Grant Oversight Committee, and supports the grant process. They review applications to ensure compliance with abatement strategies and the evidence-based requirement. The Expert Panel provides opinions and recommendations only.

Question: Who serves on the Expert Panel and why are they reviewing grant applications?
Answer: The Expert Panel is made up of professionals in addiction, behavioral health, pain management, public health and other related fields and is charged with making recommendations to ensure the Foundation and the 19 OneOhio Regions fund projects that align with the Ohio Abatement Strategies. Currently, seven of the nine appointments have been made, with two appointments to be announced at a later date. Current members of the Expert Panel are listed at OneOhioFoundation.com/About.

Funding & Reporting

Question: If a funding request is approved, what are the next steps?
Answer: Entities selected for funding will receive a Grant Agreement from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation. This document will include the payment and reporting schedule, which will be determined based on the size and length of the grant award.

Question: When will payments be disbursed?
Answer: Payments are to be distributed in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

Question: Will applicants not approved be notified that they will not receive grant funding in this round?
Answer: Yes. All registered entities will receive updates from OneOhio throughout the grant process, including as grant awards are determined.

Question: Are there stipulations that determine when the awarded funds must be used?
Answer: Yes. Funds must be used within the timeframe specified on the grantee's implementation timeline, which will be included in the Grant Agreement.

Question: Are there stipulations around how funds may be used?
Answer: Yes. All funds must be spent in compliance with the Approved Purposes and Ohio Abatement Strategies, as outlined in the RFP and mandated by the legal settlement process.

Question: Can OneOhio grant funds be used more broadly than just opioid-related services?
Answer: Yes. Pursuant to the OneOhio MOU, funds from any opioid lawsuit settlements or awards should be used to prevent, treat, and support recovery from addiction, including opioids and/or other co-occurring substance use and/or mental health conditions.

Question: If awarded a grant, will there be an opportunity to renew the grant for future funding?
Answer: Not at this time. However, funded entities are eligible to re-apply in future grant cycles.

Question: Will there be reporting requirements? If so, what are they?
Answer: Yes. Entities selected for funding will receive a Grant Agreement from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, which will outline reporting requirements and a corresponding reporting schedule.

Question: If an entity has received funding from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, can they also receive funding from settlement payments made directly to local governments?
Answer: The entity should consult with the local government to receive guidance.

Question: What role, if any, does a OneOhio Region have with disbursing grant funds?
Answer: While the 19 OneOhio Regions will review grant applications and make recommendations, the Regions do not directly disburse grant funds. Grantees will receive a Grant Agreement from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation and all funds will flow directly from the Foundation to the grantee.

Question: What happens if a Region does not submit enough grant requests to draw down eligible funding? Does it go away?
Answer: If Regions do not allocate all of their funds in the grant cycle, the funds will remain in their Region's fund for use in future grant cycles. Monies do not expire.