



PETER & ELIZABETH TOWER FOUNDATION

Strengthening Partner Capacity

2022 Guidelines

Eligibility

- It's easiest for us to accept grant applications from:
 - Not-for-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation that are not private foundations;
 - Not-for-profit public benefit corporations;
 - Public or diocesan school districts; or
 - Private or charter schools.
- We will be making grants to organizations currently providing services in one or more of these regions:
 - Massachusetts: Barnstable County, Dukes County, Essex County, Nantucket County
 - New York: Erie County, Niagara County
- At a minimum, grant partners currently provide prevention, treatment, and/or recovery services to people aged 26 years or younger from at least one of these populations:
 - People with intellectual disabilities (including autism spectrum disorders)
 - People with specific learning disabilities
 - People with mental illness/mental health challenges
 - People with substance use disorders
- Our ideal grant partners serve one or more of the populations listed above and intentionally work to improve equitable outcomes for individuals with a host of individual identities relating to — alone or in combination — race, sexual identity, gender identity, immigration status, housing status, and other disability status.
- *Note:* Organizations awarded a Small Grant in the past 12 months are not eligible to apply for another Small Grant. This doesn't apply to Programs & Services or Community Change grants.

Funding Availability

- The maximum grant award for this opportunity is \$40,000.
- A total of \$1,600,000 is available, with \$400,000 awarded in each grant cycle.

When Things Are Due (and When You'll Hear Back)

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Applications Due:	February 2, 2022	April 27, 2022	July 27, 2022	October 12, 2022
Decisions Sent:	March 9, 2022	June 8, 2022	September 7, 2022	November 16, 2022

What We're Most Interested in Funding

The Foundation is interested in funding requests that, "[build and/or strengthen the systems, structures, cultures, skills, resources, and power that organizations need to serve their communities.](#)"



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Here are some examples to get you thinking, but this is not a complete list of everything we'll consider

- Diversity, equity, inclusion
- Leadership development
- Mergers/affiliations
- Network/field-building events
- Organizational development
- Professional development
- Program design and planning
- Small capital projects/equipment purchases
- Technology planning/purchasing
- What are your ideas? ([We're happy to discuss them!](#))

How to Apply

- Most of our grant requests come in through [the Foundation's grants portal](#). If you don't need any sort of special consideration (see below), please submit your application here: <https://thetowerfoundation.force.com>
- For any of the following situations, please [get in touch with a Program Officer](#) to discuss your circumstances:
 - We are happy to take applications in non-written formats (e.g., video, audio). Nothing highly produced, though – keep it simple (but make sure you have good sound quality!).
 - Not one of the organization types listed above? No problem. We'll take proposals from groups or organizations that do not have non-profit status as long as they apply through a fiscal sponsor.
 - We are open to accepting proposals written for other funders.

How to Contact Us

If you have any questions that aren't covered in these guidelines, you'd like to discuss a special circumstance, or you want to see whether an idea you have for a grant is a good fit for the Foundation, please get in touch with one of our Program Officers.

- Schedule a phone call: <https://calendly.com/towerfdn-program>
- Send us an email: info@thetowerfoundation.org