

Overview

BCF recognizes that one goal most organizations share is to perform their work more efficiently and effectively. This capacity building grant is part of a program to assess if focused grant making can help achieve that goal. Improvements in the areas of administration, governance, planning, and fundraising are most desired. Therefore, this grant will be focused on building an organization's **internal** capacity in these areas.

We are looking for deep work from committed organizations. Commitment will be measured by a combination of the following:

- An organization's willingness to provide partial funding for their work from their own resources
- A high level of board involvement and participation
- A willingness to share information and outcomes with us and other organizations

We are looking for organizations that are actively working to build capacity or already have a plan in place to do capacity building work. As this program develops, our hope is to measure the impact of this program on nonprofits that serve the community. We are looking to gather as much information as possible from this program as we believe it may be valuable on a wider scale over the long-term.

Funding Priorities

Board and Staff Development in the areas of:

- Governance
- Planning
- Training

Grant Details

- Grant size will be between \$500 and \$1,500.
- Only 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply.
- It will be an open, online application process to be administered through the Common Grant Application (CGA) program. (www.commongrantapplication.com) Please log into your existing account to complete your application. If this is your organization's first time utilizing Common Grant Application, you will need to set up a new account.
- **Note: If your organization applied to the 2016 BCF Community Grants Cycle (CGC), no Organizational Financial information will be required; only Program Information will be needed for this application. (Program description, program budget, etc.) We will have your organization's financial info from your CGC application.**
- Applications will be reviewed by the BCF Grants Committee.
- Site visits will not be part of the review process.
- **Application Window is 10/11/16-11/9/16. Applications are due by 9 PM on November 9, 2016.**
- Grant awards will be announced in early December.
- Organizations will have from January 1 through June 30, 2017 to complete the work they have proposed.
- If you have any questions about using the Common Grant Application site, please contact Common Grant Application directly. Their contact information can be found by visiting their website: www.commongrantapplication.com and clicking on the [Contact Button](#).
- They may also be reached by phone at: +1 (310) 490-1277.
- **Final reports must be completed and submitted by July 31, 2017** via Common Grant Application.