

GRANT PROPOSAL
Sample Questions
2026

Current Grantee Updates

- Previous funding amount?
- Have the funds previously provided been fully utilized? If not, please describe how the remaining funds will be utilized.
- Provide a brief and concise summary of your progress in our geographic focus areas toward goals and objectives noted in last year's grant request. You must convey the impact of your efforts by addressing how the lives of individuals or households were changed and how many individuals or households were served.
- Has your organization experienced any significant changes in your staff, services, and/or funding in the last 12 months? If reductions, how were community needs assessed?

Application Title

- Provide a title to this application that is indicative of the nature of your request.

Grant Request Description

- Provide a brief and concise description of your request. This must convey the anticipated impact of your efforts by addressing how the lives of individuals or households will be changed; and how many individuals or households will be served.
- Indicate what type of grant funds you are seeking from us:
 - Sustaining (award for annual operating funds with an opportunity to renew)
 - Installment (award paid over a multi-year schedule – typical of capital campaigns & pilot programs)
 - One Time (award for specific projects without an option to renew)
- Grant Amount Requested -
 - For sustaining requests, please enter the annual amount requested.
 - For installment requests, enter the total amount requested across all installments.
- Change of Needs -
 - If you are a returning grant applicant and your requested funding this year is different than what was awarded last year (larger or smaller), please provide an explanation regarding the change in needs.
- Geographic Focus -
 - The Foundation has specific geographic focus areas which only include the metropolitan areas of Atlanta, Georgia; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Trenton, New Jersey. Please indicate which geographic focus area your grant application supports.

Grant Request Detail

- Community Landscape –
 - What other nonprofit organizations are doing similar work as your organization in the community?
 - What makes your organization's approach or value proposition unique within your ecosystem of partners and peers? How are you evaluating and addressing community need?
 - Who is referring clients to your organization and where do these clients receive continued support after working with your team?

Organizational Leadership

- In the past year, has there been any change(s) in leadership of the CEO and/or Executive Director? If yes, please include the reason(s) below for the departure of your leaders(s) and what your succession plan is, including any information related to the recruitment plan and timeline.
- What percentage of board members contributed this year? If less than 100%, please explain.
- What internal financial and programmatic controls exist between the board, leadership, and staff?
- How do you achieve transparency with funder relationships?

Financial Information

- Upload your organization's most recent Statement of Activities (profit & loss statement) and Financial Position (balance sheet).
- Upload your organization's most recently filed IRS Form 990.
- Provide requested financial data from your IRS Form 990.
- Provide total number (or estimate) of contributors providing the contributions, fits, and grants.
- List your largest funding source and revenue received.
- List your organization's top (5) five contributors and their contribution amounts, as reflected in your IRS Form 990.
- Explain any anomalies regarding your finances (unusually large assets; receivables; endowments; fund transfers; building sales; campaigns; etc.).
- In addition, if your IRS Form 990 reflects a larger entity outside of our geographical focus area (international, national, state, regional, etc.), please upload your LOCAL budget and include the following details:
 - Total local revenue/operating budget
 - Total local revenue from grants and contributions
 - Total number of local contributors
 - Top (5) five local contributors, using the following format: year; name; and donation amount in USD. You may use "anonymous" for individuals who have asked not to be identified

Policies and Plans

- Does your organization have a contingency plan for changes in financial resources? How is your organization accounting for the current environment and community need?
- Optional: Does your organization have a Verified Impact Report in the Impact Genome Registry? If so, please upload your most recent version below.

Logo Upload / Verification

Feedback (optional)

- How long (in total dedicated working hours) did it take you and/or your team to complete this application?
- What aspects of your engagement with The Merancas Foundation are working well or could use improvement?