

# Rapid Response FAQs:

## Guidelines/Eligibility Questions

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Can an organization without 501c3 tax-exempt status or a fiscal sponsor apply for funding?

No, organizations without either 501c3 tax-exempt status or a fiscal sponsor are not eligible for funding. To learn more about obtaining fiscal sponsorship, please review this National Council of Nonprofits resource:

<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/fiscal-sponsorship-additional-resources>

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Is there a required minimum grant request amount?

No, there is no required minimum request amount.

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How often can an organization apply for a rapid response grant?

If an organization is awarded a grant, it must wait 12 months from the start date of the grant to apply for another grant.

Please note, that this rapid response funding is not intended to provide ongoing general operating or program support.

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Can an organization submit more than one application at a time?

No, organizations can only submit one application at a time. If an organization has identified multiple urgent needs or challenges, please choose the one that best aligns with our grant guidelines

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Can an organization receive both a rapid response grant in addition to a grant under Grand Victoria Foundation's regular grant cycle?

Yes, an organization can be awarded both a rapid response grant and a grant under our regular grant cycle. Please keep in mind that current grantees who are applying for a rapid response grant must submit a request for work that is outside of its currently funded scope of work.

## Application Process Questions

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When can an organization reapply if its grant request is denied?

If a grant request is denied, there is no waiting period for an organization to submit another application. We recommend that organizations carefully review its grant request for alignment with grant guidelines and eligibility.

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Is there a word count or page count requirement for the grant application?

Yes, all answers to the grant application questions must fit on one, single-spaced page.

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Will Grand Victoria Foundation provide feedback on grant applications that are declined?

Yes, the decline letter will include a brief description of the reason for declining the application.

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Are site visits required in order to receive a grant?

No, there will be no site visits for rapid response grants.

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If an organization received a grant, what are the reporting requirements?

Within 30 days after the end of the grant term, the organization will submit an expenditure report through our Grantee Portal and a Grand Victoria Foundation program staff will contact the organization to schedule a 30-minute phone or video call to discuss the grant. This will act as the final report, and organizations should be prepared to discuss how the grant helped it achieve its intended goals or impact and the current strategic questions or decisions it is grappling with.

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Are attachments allowed with the application?

Please only attach the following required documents. Grant requests will not be considered if these attachments are not included with the application.

- Current fiscal year budget (if fiscally sponsored, this applies to both the organization and fiscal sponsor)
- Year-to-Date financial statement (revenue and expense balance sheet). If fiscally sponsored, this applies to both the organization and fiscal sponsor.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between fiscal sponsor and organization, if applicable

If you have any questions, please contact our Manager of Grants and Program Administration, Jeanna Rathell, at [jeanna@grandvictoriafdn.org](mailto:jeanna@grandvictoriafdn.org).