Community Grants: Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in the 2020 Community Grants Program. We understand that you might have some questions regarding the online application, process, and eligibility requirements. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions about this grant opportunity.

For other questions, please contact Nadia K. Romero, Senior Grants Manager at Programs@parkinson.org.

Q. Does my organization have to have a 501(c)(3)?

A. Any organization that is interested in applying should have a 501(c)(3). Individuals are not allowed to apply unless partnering with an organization that holds a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status (a mutual agreement letter will need to be submitted with this type of application). Applications submitted by an individual will not be accepted.

Q. Are individuals eligible to apply?

A. Individuals are not eligible to apply, but if interested, contact a Community Center in your area and ask them if they would be interested in collaborating with you on your program. Note that a mutual agreement letter will need to be submitted at the time of your application.

Q. If my organization is not in or near a Moving Day® city, can I still apply?

A. Yes, this grant opportunity is open nationwide.

Q. Is my organization allowed to submit more than one application in a community?

A. Yes, but we recommend that you collaborate within your organization to provide one application when considering the same focus area.

Q. Does the application have to meet the focus areas outlined in the Request for Application (RFA), or can we gear the application to another unmet need?

A. For this grant opportunity, the Foundation will support existing and pilot programs that address unmet needs in one of the focus areas outlined in the RFA.

Q. Are assisted living facilities eligible to apply?

A. Assisted living facilities are welcome to apply. Please note that the program must be limited to people with Parkinson’s and/or care partners and must be offered free of charge.
**Q. Are rehab centers eligible to apply?**

A. Rehab centers are welcome to apply. Please note that the program must be limited to people with Parkinson’s and must be offered free of charge.

**Q. Can I apply for additional funding for my program outside of the Foundation?**

A. Absolutely, we encourage all funded organizations to seek additional sponsorship to support your program.

**Q. I’ve never written a grant, can you help me?**

A. The Parkinson’s Foundation cannot help you write a grant; however, we can provide information on useful tools to help guide you. Visit: [https://themodernnonprofit.com/essential-grant-writing-tips-nonprofit/](https://themodernnonprofit.com/essential-grant-writing-tips-nonprofit/)

**Q. I don’t have access to a computer, may I mail you my application?**

A. All applications must be submitted through the online grant system at Proposal Central.

**Q. Do I need to create an account through the online grant system?**

A. In order to be considered for this grant opportunity, you will be required to create an account and apply through Proposal Central.

**Q. Are you accepting applications from Puerto Rico?**

A. Yes, the Foundation will accept applications from Puerto Rico.

**Q. Does this grant support indirect costs?**

A. The Foundation does not support indirect costs for the community grants program. This includes indirect institutional costs such as administrative fees. Please review the RFA for more information.

**Q. Does this grant offer salary support?**

A. The community grants program does not offer salary support for FTE but will cover the expenses for participant costs and facilitator/instructor (person providing direct service to participants) expenses.

**Q. Can I use the grant to help cover expenses to send my staff to a training?**

A. Individual/staff memberships, accreditations, staff/instructor training programs and licensing are not allowed under this grant.
Q. Are exercise equipment covered under this grant?
A. Exercise equipment are not covered.

Q. Can the grant help pay for construction?
A. No, this grant is for programming or services for individuals with Parkinson’s.

Q. I’m planning an educational symposium, does the grant cover alcohol?
A. This grant will cover refreshments for participants; however, alcohol is not permitted as an allowable expense.

Q. Is travel authorized for my grant?
A. No, travel for presenters and staff is not permitted; however, the Foundation will cover travel transportation costs of participants. Please note that the amount cannot exceed 5% of the budget.

Q. If awarded, can the Foundation pay instructor(s) directly?
A. No, the Foundation cannot pay the instructor directly.

Q. Are speaker fees covered for an educational program?
A. Speakers are covered; however, the expense cannot exceed 10% of direct program support.