

# **Blandin Foundation Grant Invitation FAQs**

## **Local area grants**

### **When is my proposal due?**

Proposals are due on September 15, 2023

### **What will the grant duration be?**

Grant periods are flexible, depending on the nature of the application; we expect most will be in the range of 12 to 24 months.

### **How much funding should my organization ask for?**

We encourage applications that demonstrate the ability to:

- Build the capacity of people, organizations, and communities.
- Strengthen local and regional collaboration.
- Promote innovative ideas and solutions in our new strategic focus areas, and
- Sustain your organization and its mission for the long-term.

Proposed grant application amounts should be guided by intended impact and outcomes in these areas. That could range from a smaller, targeted application to one that is generally commensurate with previous funding levels.

### **Can I save a copy of my grant application and return to it later?**

No. If you suspect you may need to pause your submission, we recommend you draft responses in a separate document before completing the online form.

### **Does the online application contain word or character limits for each answer?**

Yes. If your content exceeds 3,000 characters, you will need to shorten or send the overage as an additional attachment to [grants@blandinfoundation.org](mailto:grants@blandinfoundation.org)

### **What attachments are needed for my application?**

You will be prompted to provide three attachments:

1. Your organization's most current IRS Form 990. If your organization is not required to complete a 990, you can upload your most recent audited financial statement.

2. If you are a city, township, or if your organization's operating budget does not require submitting a 990, please upload your annual budget.
3. List of your organization's Board of Directors and Key Staff Leadership.

No additional attachments are required for the application of this grant but if you feel there are important supporting materials beyond what is outlined in the prompts, they can be emailed to [grants@blandinfoundation.org](mailto:grants@blandinfoundation.org).

**When will a decision about funding be made?**

All grants will be awarded by October 31, 2023.

**If my organization applies for this grant, can we apply for other Blandin Foundation grants?**

Yes. As with this application, future opportunities will be posted on our website.

**Is matching funding a requirement?**

This proposal does not require a specific match.

**Can I speak with a Program Officer before I submit my application?**

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# **FAQs for 2023 HGA Grants and Program Grants**

## **Rural MN version**

### **When is my proposal due?**

Proposals are due on September 29, 2023

### **What will the grant duration be?**

Grant periods are flexible, depending on the nature of the application; we expect most will be in the range of 18 to 36 months.

### **How much funding should my organization ask for?**

Please request an amount that speaks to what you need to complete your project.

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