



GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT GUIDELINES

WHO WE ARE

Central Carolina Community Foundation, the Midlands' local center for philanthropy, is a nonprofit organization that links charitable people and businesses with areas of need in our community.

WHAT ARE General Operating Support Grants?

Central Carolina Community Foundation's [African American Philanthropy Committee](#) (AAPC), staff and board are pleased to announce its multiyear general operating support grants for Black-led and Black-benefiting organizations. Central Carolina Community Foundation recognizes that to cultivate a community full of vitality and opportunity, organizations working tirelessly to advocate for our diverse residents must be sustained. Our general operating grants support this work by investing in nonprofits that have been historically under invested in by philanthropy to increase their capacity to carry out their mission.

WHAT WE FUND

General operating support grants will fund Midlands-based Black-led and Black-benefiting organizations working within the service areas of **arts & culture, education, or human services** (*food, clothing, toiletries, shelter, safety and security*).

BLACK-LED AND BLACK-BENEFITING ORGANIZATIONS

Black-led and Black-benefiting is defined as follows:

1. At least 50% of the population the organization serves identifies as Black/African descent AND
2. At least 50% of the Board of Directors identifies as Black/African descent, AND
3. The organization's Executive Director identifies as Black/African descent OR at least 50% of the organization's Leadership Team (senior management level) identifies as Black/African descent.

OBJECTIVES

- To invest in communities who have been historically under invested in by philanthropy.
- To provide resources to organizations that are rooted in the Black community.
- To cultivate trusting relationships between Central Carolina Community Foundation and Black-led and Black-benefiting organizations within the 11 counties in the Midlands.
- To increase Black-led and Black-benefiting organizations capacity to serve their community over the next three years.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Organizations must be determined as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, public entities or other charitable, educational or faith-based organizations.
- Organizations must have a physical location in one of the following 11 counties in the Midlands: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda and Sumter.
- Organizations must be Black-led and Black-benefiting.
- Organizations must fall within one of these service areas: Arts & Culture, Education or Human Services.

- Organizations must have been in existence for at least one year as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
- Organizations must have at least one person who dedicates a minimum of 20 hours a week to the organization.
- Grantees must agree to ongoing communication with Foundation staff, completion of annual reports and expensing all grant funds annual. There are no other restrictions placed on grant funds.

GRANT AMOUNT

\$10,000 per year for up to three years (\$30,000 total)

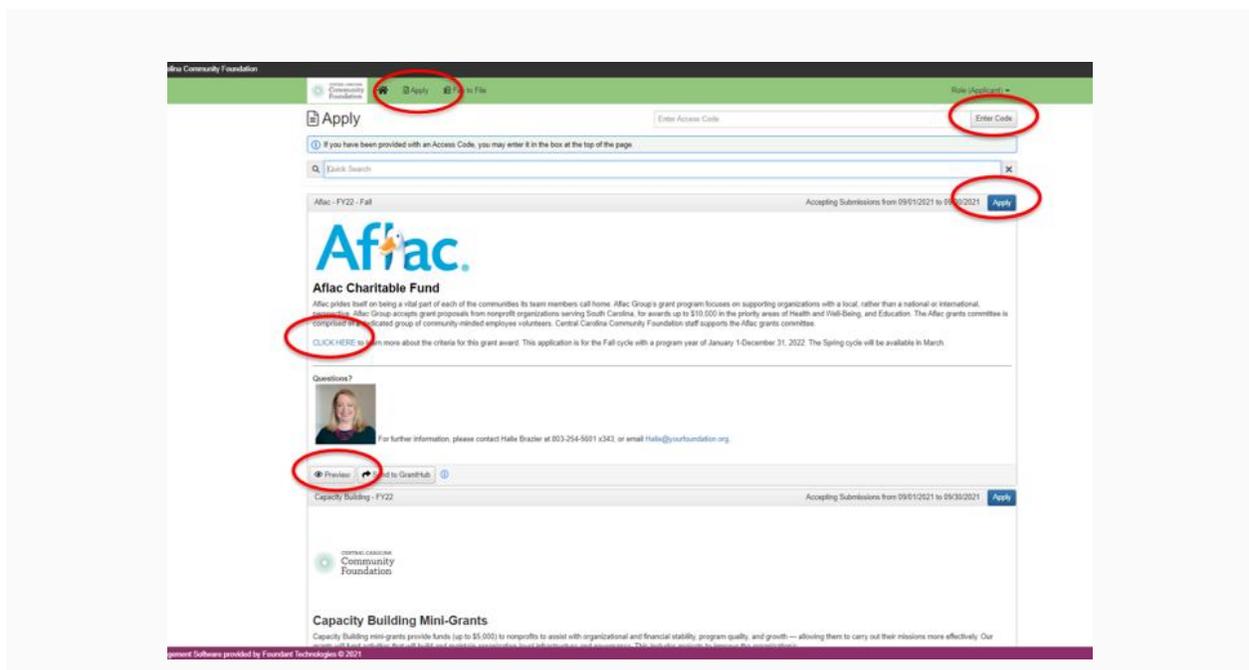
GRANT PERIOD

Funding period will begin March 1 through February 28.

HOW TO APPLY

Application is by invitation only. If your organization aligns with funding priorities and eligibility, please follow the steps below.

1. Log on to our [grant portal](#).
 - a. Please bookmark this page. If you receive a grant, you'll need it again to sign your contracts, complete your reports, etc.
 - b. The portal should be intuitive, but here's a [tutorial](#) for your reference.
2. Register yourself and provide organization information. Please be as detailed as possible – if awarded this will reduce the time taken to process your grant.
3. After you've registered, go to Apply (at the top green bar). Since the General Operating Support grant is by invitation only, you'll need to enter a code to access the application.
 - a. Code: **gos21**
 - b. Then, click the blue "Apply" button at the top right corner of the General Operating Support grant information section.



4. Application

- a. Please complete the application by **December 15th**.

REVIEW PROCESS

- Central Carolina Community Foundation’s AAPC and staff will gather community feedback to compile a list of qualifying Black-led and Black-benefiting organizations.
- The Foundation will review the list, conduct due diligence and invite eligible nonprofits to complete an application.
- The Foundation will review the full applications and select organizations that will be invited to an interview with CCCF’s AAPC and staff.
- AAPC will make funding recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Trustees.
- The Board of Trustees will vote to approve, or not, the committee’s recommendation.

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