

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between a grant and a sponsorship?

The sponsorship process generally funds one-time events and activities in the community (i.e. 5K's, fundraisers, meetings/conferences, etc.). In comparison, the grants fund on-going, long-term initiatives, programs, or projects that will specifically impact and improve one or more health outcome.

Can I apply for both a grant and a sponsorship?

You may apply for both grants and sponsorships as applicable to your organization's needs and activities.

Can I apply for multiple sponsorships or grants in the same cycle?

You may apply for more than one sponsorship if you have multiple events for which you are planning. You may also apply for more than one grant if you have multiple projects or programs for which you would like to request funding. We ask if you have received grant funding for your program, that you do not apply for the same project the following cycle, as the funding is for a year. If you did not receive funding for a specific program, you may submit another application for that program to be reviewed again.

I can't get the portal to work; can I email or mail in my application?

To be fair and consistent towards all of our applicants, we cannot accept any applications that are not submitted through the portal. We want all of our applicants to be successful; please contact us with your issue.

How much is a typical award amount?

There is not a set fund limit for which you may apply for grants or sponsorships; however, we receive many applications and cannot fund them all. Sponsorships are typically awarded in the range of \$500 – \$5,000. Grants are funded in accordance with available resources based on an objective review process.

How will I know if my application has been awarded?

You will receive an automated email by the notification date with an update on your application. You may also log into the portal and review your application's status at any time.

I didn't get my application submitted in time; is there a grace period?

To be fair and consistent towards all of our applicants, we cannot accept applications that are submitted after the due date. Please be sure to start your application early and contact us with any issues to ensure a timely submission. If you do not get your application submitted in time, you may submit it in the following cycle.

Why do I need a recommendation or letter of support?

We require a recommendation for a sponsorship application and at least one local letter of support for a grant application to confirm that our community supports your event or program. It is a testament to the reputation of your organization and provides validity to your request.

My organization is a small non-profit and we cannot afford a financial audit; can I still apply for a grant?

A third-party financial audit or financial review is a basic nonprofit accountability standard and is expected for those requesting funding through Centra's grants process. We recognize that an audit can be a financial burden on smaller nonprofits however a financial review can be performed at a fraction of the cost of an audit. For more information regarding independent audits versus an independent financial review please go to <https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/nonprofit-audit-guide/need-independent-audit>.

I can't log into the portal, what do I do?

Please contact us to resolve the issue.

I don't have a non-profit, but I am still doing charity work. Can I apply?

To ensure fiscal responsibility, Centra cannot fund organizations or groups that are not 501(c)(3) or another non-profit organization.