

READY TO APPLY?

Use this checklist to determine whether your organization is ready to submit a competitive grant application to the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. Being well-prepared increases your chance of success and ensures a smoother application and review process.

ELIGIBILITY & FIT

- ☐ We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (or equivalent)
- ☐ We serve individuals in CFL's service area (Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton or Jasper County)
- ☐ Our request fits the purpose and funding range of one of CFL's grant processes.

PROJECT READINESS

- ☐ We can describe a clear need for the proposed project, program, or capital request.
- ☐ We have a realistic start and end date and are ready to begin within the expected grant timeline.
- ☐ We can explain the current stage of project development and justify its readiness.

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

- ☐ We have the staff, leadership, or partnerships needed to carry out the project.
- ☐ We have engaged or informed our Board of Directors about this request.
- ☐ We can demonstrate good standing and financial responsibility as an organization.

PROPOSAL CLARITY

- ☐ We can clearly articulate what we are asking for and why it matters in an understandable way.
- ☐ We can describe how we will measure and report our impact.
- ☐ We can provide a realistic and complete budget that aligns with our narrative.

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ We understand that funding is competitive and not guaranteed.
- ☐ We are prepared to participate in a site visit (Impact Grants only, if invited).
- ☐ We are prepared to submit any required follow-up reports or documentation if awarded.



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