



BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Organization must serve the southern Lowcountry. The population they serve must live and/or work in our funding region:
 - Impact Grants: Southern Beaufort County
 - Opportunity & Organizational Development Grants: Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, or Jasper Counties
- The population served must be clearly documented in the application.
- The organization applying for funding must be a nonprofit organization with a current 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status (or equivalent).
- The applicant must submit a complete LOI (if applicable) and/or application by the stated deadline. **Late submissions are not accepted.**

We Generally Fund Projects That:

- Are new or enhanced, not a continuation of prior CFL-funded work.
- Align with the organization's mission and demonstrate clear community impact.
- Are well-planned and supported by data or demonstrated need.
- Empower individuals and communities rather than creating dependency.
- Reflect best practices and avoid duplication of services.
- Have long-term potential and a plan for sustainability beyond the grant term.
- Are not already underway or completed before funding decisions are made.

We Generally Do Not Fund Projects That:

- Operating expenses such as rent, utilities, maintenance, or general overhead.
- Existing programs or staff positions, including salaries for current employees or work done by volunteers.
- Projects previously funded by the Foundation unless significantly enhanced.
- Debt service or reimbursement for expenses already incurred.
- Events, fundraising tools, or campaigns.
- Religious or political activities.
- Individuals, including scholarships or stipends.
- Travel for school groups, sports teams, or performance troupes.
- Temporary, experimental, or band-aid solutions lacking evidence or long-term viability.
- Projects without documented community need or authoritative support.