

Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) – Feed Grant 2023

1. Can a charity apply for Feed funding for more than one program/initiative?

Yes, a registered charity can apply for more than one program, but the maximum funding limit per charity is \$250,000.

2. What are the minimum and maximum funding amounts per year or cycle?

The maximum funding amount per charity per year is \$250,000. Feed grant is a three-year funding cycle starting April 2024 up to March 2027. Funding amounts may vary based on the grant application review.

3. Are there any blackout periods for applying?

Currently, there are no blackout periods. However, it is advised not to solicit funding from the same donor while United Way Halton and Hamilton (UWHH) is in conversation with the respective funders.

4. Have there been any changes in funding priorities since before the pandemic?

No, the funding priorities of UWHH remain the same for Feed 2024.

5. How much is being distributed between Halton and Hamilton?

Distribution of funds depends on the grant application review by the Community Impact Cabinet (CIC), However, UWHH intends to have an equitable distribution of funds between Halton and Hamilton.

6. Is it necessary to apply for programs that UWHH funded last time, or can we change our application focus?

It is not mandatory to apply for the same program approved in the previous funding cycle. UWHH is open to new, innovative, and impactful programs.

7. How to determine the best ask size based on Feed Grant parameters?

The best ask size should be assessed based on the program proposition. UWHH encourages fair budget requests, and the asked budget may not be approved in full.

8. Can organizations submit multiple grant applications?

Organizations cannot submit multiple applications. However, a registered charity acting as a fiscal sponsor for a non profit can apply separately for their respective program.

9. Are there differences in priorities between this stream and the community investment fund?

The Community Investment Fund comprises three grant streams: Seed, Feed, and Root. Please refer to the UWHH website for more details.

10. Can the program we apply for be part of our core business operations?

The Feed grant is program-specific and not for supporting business operations. However, 15% of the approved grant can be utilized for administrative purposes.

11. Can organizations apply to more than one investment priority at the same time?

UWHH encourages organizations to align their programs with as many investment priorities as possible.

12. Who should be the primary grant applicant in case of a fiscal sponsor?

The fiscal sponsor should be the primary grant applicant, with the associated non-profit as the co-applicant, clearly mentioned in the grant application.

13. Are community service organizations currently supported under Seed and Root grants eligible to apply for the Feed grant?

Organizations under the Seed grant are eligible, but those supported by the Root grant are not eligible for the Feed grant.

14. Can Sub-granting agencies apply for the grant?

Sub-granting agencies with direct community interface programs can apply, but they are not eligible to apply for sub-granting programs.

15. How will the proportionality of finances for small agencies be decided?

UWHH encourages applying for grants based on program requirements and diversifying funding sources for sustainability.

16. For programs serving multiple regions, how does this affect their consideration for the grant?

UWHH supports outreach within Halton and Hamilton only. Budgets should be divided based on the proposed impact within these regions.

17. Can an agency apply for a grant and also be listed as a partner in another organization's application?

Yes, UWHH encourages a partnership model, allowing agencies to be both a partner and a grant applicant.

18. Is there a limit on how much of the budget can be allocated to staffing costs versus other programming costs?

A capping of 15% is set for administrative expenditures. Staffing costs for program implementation can be included under program or program support costs.

19. How does the grant approach DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) in its evaluation process?

The Feed grant application has a separate section for DEI, and the evaluation matrix may place considerable weight on EDI indicators.

20. Are there options for partial funding if the full ask can't be met?

Yes, partial funding can be approved based on the assessment of the program against the proposed budget.

21. What are the requirements for providing past, current, and next year's program budgets in the application?

An anticipated budget for the next year is mandatory, aiming to capture the budgetary requirements for a 3-year cycle.

22. Can applicants apply for funding from the Feed Grant and other funders simultaneously?

UWHH promotes diversified funding sources, allowing applications for grants from other funders. However, duplication of funds for the same budget heads is not accepted.