



## Consolidation of the People’s United Bank Foundations into the M&T Foundation

### FAQs:

**1. Can I apply to the M&T Foundation / Am I eligible to submit a request to the M&T Foundation?**

Yes. All existing grantees/organizations that previously received funding from People’s United Community Foundation or People’s United Community Foundation of Eastern MA (“PUB Foundations”) will be eligible to apply to the M&T Charitable Foundation (“M&T Foundation”). Access to the M&T Foundation grant application is located on their website at [www.mtb.com/about-mt/charitable-contributions](http://www.mtb.com/about-mt/charitable-contributions). The link to M&T’s Charitable Contributions Application is towards the bottom of the page. Prior to submitting your first application, you will need to set up a user account.

**2. Will my user account or grant application from the PUB Foundation be carried over to M&T’s grants system?**

No. The M&T Foundation uses a different grants management system. You will be directed to complete M&T’s Charitable Contributions Application form. You will also be required to set up a new user account if you are applying to the M&T Foundation for the first time.

**3. When can I apply?**

To help us best manage the integration workflow process, we are recommending a transition timeline. We encourage you to submit your application during the following timeframes:

Last grant received:	Encouraged to submit:
Prior to May 2021	Anytime
June - August 2021	May – August 2022
October - December 2021	September – December 2022*
March 2022	December 2022* – March 2023

*\*Please note that applications submitted in December may not be processed until the following year.*

**The above timeline is for grant requests only.** Please see questions below for sponsorship requests/fundraising event support.

**4. When will grant decisions be made? When will I be notified of the status of my grant request?**

Please plan to apply a minimum of 8 weeks before a decision is needed. It is our goal to ensure that requests are reviewed, and decisions are made, in a timely manner. Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. Organizations will be notified of the status of their grant request as soon as possible to help meet their deadlines.

**5. Can I submit more than one request? Can I submit a sponsorship request in addition to a grant/program request?**

Yes. The M&T Foundation currently accepts both grant/programmatic requests as well as sponsorships/fundraising event requests. Therefore, if you are interested in submitting a request for sponsorship support in addition to grant(s) support, more than one request can be submitted. Sponsorship requests are submitted utilizing the same Charitable Contributions Application form but should be submitted separately. The application will direct you to different questions based on your response for the type of funding support you are seeking.

**6. Do I need to submit for the same program that I previously received funding for from the PUB Foundation?**

No. Organizations are welcome to apply for funding that meets M&T's charitable contribution guidelines. If your organization is interested in applying for a different program than what you have historically received funding for through the PUB Foundations, we recommend you indicate in your application the reason for the change in request. In general, The M&T Charitable Foundation does not make grants to:

- Individuals
- Organizations that lack the 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status
- Political organizations, candidates, or lobbying efforts
- Fraternal organizations
- Sports teams
- National or international organizations, unless their programs have significant local impact

**7. What if my organization does not fall under the M&T Foundation's Focus Areas? Am I still eligible to apply?**

Yes. At this time, all previous PUB Foundation grantees are eligible to apply to the M&T Foundation, regardless of the previous focus area that you applied to under the PUB Foundation.

**8. Is there a minimum or maximum grant amount that I can apply for?**

While there is no minimum or maximum grant amount that you can apply for, we recommend that you apply for a similar range of funding support that you previously received from the PUB Foundation.

**9. How do I apply/submit my grant request?**

Applications can be submitted through the M&T Foundation grants management portal. Access to the application is located on their website at [www.mtb.com/about-mt/charitable-contributions](http://www.mtb.com/about-mt/charitable-contributions). The link to M&T's Charitable Contributions Application is towards the bottom of the page. You will be required to set up a new user account if you are applying to the M&T Foundation for the first time.

**10. Do I still need to submit a final report or progress updates for the most recent grant received from the PUB Foundation?**

Progress updates, which are the outcome measurements that are reported in Blackbaud-PUCF's grants management system, will not be required. However, we strongly recommend that you continue to submit a final report, as required in years past. We welcome information on the impact of the PUB Foundation's previous funding support, which can be attached to your new application when applying to the M&T Foundation. You will also be asked how you will measure the impact of your program when applying to the M&T Foundation.

**11. What if I received past funding support from both People's United and M&T? How should I proceed with my contribution request?**

For those organizations that received past funding support from both People's United and M&T, we welcome a conversation to discuss our partnership and future funding opportunities. Our goal is to maintain our relationship and work with you on the best approach for submitting your funding request. Please contact your local Foundation representative to discuss further.

**12. Can I apply for program support in other geographic locations outside of the PUB footprint? What are the geographic areas served by M&T?**

Yes. As long as the organization and/or the program for which you are requesting funding operates in the geographic locations served by M&T Bank. In general, national or international organizations are not eligible, unless your program has significant local impact. For additional information on the geographic areas served by M&T Bank, please refer to the M&T website at <https://locations.mtb.com>