

March 2021 Grant Cycle

People's United Community Foundation (PUCF) has made some modifications to its grant application and funding considerations in an effort to be more responsive to the needs and challenges of our communities during this time.

For our March 2021 open application period, PUCF is accepting program/project-specific requests, as well as requests for general operating support, from nonprofit organizations that meet our eligibility guidelines.

General Operating Request Guidelines:

General Operating grants will be limited to organizations that have previously received a grant from PUCF and that meet our criteria. Before submitting a request for general operating support, we ask that you please consider the following questions:

1. Does the organization operate in any cities/states that are outside of the [geographical areas served](#) by People's United Community Foundation?
2. Does the organization utilize a parent/national tax ID number when applying?
3. Are any of the organization's program/service activities listed on People's United Community Foundation's list of [ineligible activities](#)?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, we ask that you please submit a program/project request, and do not apply for general operating support. Our goal is to be as flexible as possible, while also ensuring that requests align with our focus areas, and that our funding support continues to be allocated within the communities we serve.

Application Questions:

PUCF made a few changes and additions to the questions in our grant application. This information will help us better understand the impact of COVID-19 on our communities and the disparities that exist for marginalized groups.

Questions will include additional demographic data on the populations that you serve. This information will assist us in deepening our impact on underserved populations and advancing racial equity, and how we can better work with our nonprofit partners to achieve a common goal.

We will also be asking about your current and/or future work in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Please know that this question is optional and there are no "correct" answers, as every organization's work in the areas of DEI are different. It is up to each organization to identify what DEI means to them within their organizational and community-based context. Answers to these questions will not affect the outcome of our decisions.

Reporting Requirements:

Progress Updates

The application still requires you to choose a minimum of three measured outcomes in your grant application. This is required for both program/project requests as well as those applying for general operating. Your organization will be asked to report on these outcomes at a later date, if a grant is awarded.

Final Report

If you received a grant at any time from PUCF, we would still like to know how the grant funding was utilized and the impact of the funding on your organization and those you serve.

Please submit a narrative final report by using the PUCF Final Report Template and adding it to your new grant request. The template is available on the "attachments" tab of the application.

Additional Information:

Please do your best in determining the appropriate approach for your funding request (project or general operating) and answering the questions in our application. Should PUCF have any questions, a Foundation staff member will reach out to your organization for further information.

Thank you.