



Generous Acts at Adirondack Foundation

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are your funding priorities for Generous Acts grants?

We seek applications that are mindful of underserved populations, help address racial, economic or other disparities, and demonstrate collaboration and community buy-in in one or more of the following areas:

- **Basic Needs**
Providing basic needs for people such as food and housing, creating age-friendly communities, enhancing home and community-based services from early childhood development to elder care
- **Educational Pathways**
Promoting literacy, improving school-readiness for young children, strengthening post-secondary pathways and support networks for education and employment
- **Economic + Community Vitality**
Supporting local workforce initiatives to train workers and fill jobs, improving access to child care and other support services for working families, overcoming economic or racial inequities, bolstering civic engagement, addressing common community needs.

2. Who can apply for support?

Nonprofit organizations, schools, and municipalities located in or serving the people of the Adirondack Region, defined for this purpose as all of Clinton, Franklin, Essex, and Hamilton counties as well as the parts of St. Lawrence, Warren, Herkimer, and Washington counties within the Adirondack Park boundary.

3. Can I request Generous Acts funding for operations support?

Sure. We will fund operations or specific programs/projects, but do not typically fund large capital campaigns, tuition assistance, or re-granting programs.

4. How can we apply for support?

Applications must be submitted online: adirondackfoundation.org/online-grants-manager (please see grants-manager tip sheet)

5. What is the average grant size?

Typical grants range from \$2,500 - \$5,000, with a few in the \$10,000 - \$20,000 range.

6. How often are applications accepted?

Once a year. The 2021 application will open on December 21, 2020 and must be completed by close of business on February 1, 2021.

7. How are applications evaluated?

Applications are evaluated based on the degree to which the request aligns with Adirondack Foundation's priority program areas, as well as effectiveness, articulation of need (e.g., working to address inequality, reaching an under-served population, backed by data), and capacity of applicants to carry out the work.

8. What is the review process for applications?

A committee of trustees works with program staff to review applications. During the review process, we may call an applicant for additional information or clarification, request a meeting, or reach out to regional experts for guidance.

9. If I'm applying on behalf of a town or a school program, do I really need to submit the full town or school budget?

No, please just share your project budget in the "budget and timeline" field and upload a summary of the town or school overall expenses in the "financial statements" field.

10. Do you have any additional tips for applicants?

Yes, we have a few:

- Please tie your request to the larger problem you are trying to solve or need you are addressing and use data if you can.
- Write in the active voice; tell us a compelling story about who benefits from your work.
- To the extent possible, we'd prefer a single application from a school rather than from individual teachers. (The request can be for multiple efforts within the same school; we encourage you to collaborate.)

11. If we have received grants from other funds at Adirondack Foundation, can we still apply to Generous Acts?

Absolutely!

12. What other funds at Adirondack Foundation accept grant applications?

We have funds dedicated to specific geographic areas and fields of interest that accept applications. Please visit our website to learn more: adirondackfoundation.org.