

## Rolling Grant Q&A

*Please Note:*

**All applications and required documents are due by the following dates to be considered for an award granted at the beginning of the following month. If an application is submitted after the deadline, it will be considered for the following review round:**

**Please refer to each grant period listed for the round as guidance for when grant funding should be used for time-specific events, programming, etc.**

**Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. (for an award issued in October).**

*\*We recommend that you apply for this round if you plan on using funds for a holiday party in November/December\**

***Grant Period:*** October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

**Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. (for an award issued in December).**

***Grant Period:*** December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

**Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (for an award issued in February).**

***Grant Period:*** February 1, 2026 - April 30, 2026

**Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (for an award issued in April).**

***Grant Period:*** April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

**Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (for an award issued in May).**

***Grant Period:*** May 18, 2026 - July 31, 2026

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**Q:** Can 501c3 applicants work with for-profit organizations to fulfill services funded by the grant? If so, are for-profit organizations part of the application process?

**A:** With the information provided, we are unsure if the project would be eligible. Please note that we cannot award for-profit organizations directly. We would recommend that you provide information about this partnership in the project description so we better understand it.

**Q:** Does the activity have to happen during the grant period? What if there is an event in late September?

**A:** The activity being funded needs to occur during the grant period identified for the round you are applying for.

**Q:** If an individual is working with a senior center, should they identify who they are and their partnership?

**A:** In your project description, it is helpful to us if you identify if you will be partnering with a senior center so we have more context about the program and where it will be taking place. It is not required for you to prove this relationship.

**Q:** We have a group that could really use this kind of support and the majority of our clients are above 55 years of age. However, we do not turn away people so there are some who are younger. Can we still apply for these funds and designate them only for those over 55?

**A:** That should be fine. A requirement of this funding is that it serves the 55 and older population. Please explain in your application how programming will be designated/focused on the 55 and older population.

**Q:** Could an eligible event be one that is part of a series, as long as it falls within the grant period? (For example, a program offered monthly for older adults?)

**A:** A series of events would align better with the Expanding Engagement grant. For this grant program we are looking to fund one-time events/small scale programming needs.

**Q:** When will groups know if they've gotten the award after the deadline of that round?

**A:** Award notifications will be sent during the first week of the month after the application deadline. The exact timelines are listed on the [program info page](#) for the grant.

**Q:** What is the other grant that you suggest for the series type of events?

**A:** [Expanding Engagement grant](#). Please note, this grant application closed in March, but is expected to be available again in Spring of 2026.

**Q:** If an organization has multiple properties, can the organization apply for consecutive rounds if the organization is applying for different sites?

**A:** If the same organization is applying, they cannot apply for consecutive rounds of the grant, even if programming is occurring at different buildings/sites.

**Q:** Do receipts need to be submitted with reporting?

**A:** We won't be requesting receipts for our reporting, but we have been encouraged to share with grantees that they should keep receipts for one year in case they are requested by the City's Auditing Department.

**Q:** Will this grant cover operational costs e.g. utilities, rent, etc for a senior program?

**A:** Please refer to the list of allowable / not allowable expenses in the application. Using funds towards rent for an organization's office space is not allowable, but using funds to rent out a space for programming is allowed for this grant.

**Q:** Is the application for this grant shorter/more streamlined than that for the Expanding Engagement grant?

**A:** Yes, this application is shorter than the application for Expanding Engagement.

**Q:** Can another city agency apply for this grant? Sometimes a city agency is not permitted to apply for another city agency's grants.

**A:** Other city departments are not eligible to apply for this grant. The Community Grants Team advises other city agencies and departments to request funding for their projects through the standard budget procedure.

**Q:** If you are affiliated with a non profit, can they take administrative costs from the grant you receive?

**A:** It depends on the agreement/relationship. Please refer to the list of allowable/ not allowable costs. Up to 10% of the funding can be used for administrative costs, which could go towards, for example a fiscal sponsorship fee, the non-profit you are working with.

**Q:** What is the certification at the end of the application?

**A:** This is certifying that by submitting the application you understand and agree to the terms of the City of Boston grantmaking guidelines, and you understand the Conflict of Interest laws.

**Q:** Can you print out the application?

**A:** Yes, you can download the application as a PDF on Wizehive by clicking on “download preview,” and print it out.

**Q:** Can the application be saved? Or does it have to be completed in one sitting?

**A:** Yes, you can save the application in Wizehive and do not need to complete it in one sitting. Please click on the save button as you are working through the application to ensure your work is being saved.

**Q:** I teach ESL. My students are not citizens. They participate in a program in Boston, but are not all Boston residents. Would this program be eligible? I am a Boston resident.

**A:** The goal of this funding is to serve Boston residents, so program participants should be Boston residents.

**Q:** What should the age group of the population being served be? Does the grant have to serve individuals 55 years and older?

**A:** Yes, this grant program is meant to serve older adults 55 years and older.

**Q:** Are trips/transportation allowable for this grant?

**A:** Yes, transportation is an allowed cost for this grant.

**Q:** Can programming be after hours?

**A:** Yes, having programming outside of 9:00am-5:00pm is fine. These are details you can include in the project description.

**Q:** Is renting a space for an event okay?

**A:** Yes, renting a space to use for programming is fine. Renting for an organization's office space is not allowable.

**Q:** If you already have an event planned and have already paid for some of the required funds can those costs be part of the mini grant funding?

**A:** As long as the expenses are eligible for City funds and the proposed project is within the grant period for the round, this is okay. Please note that already having paid for some event costs does not guarantee a proposal will be selected for funding.

**Q:** Can nursing home facilities apply for this grant?

**A:** If the facility is a non-profit and meets the other eligibility criteria, they are eligible for this grant opportunity. Please note, for-profit organizations are not eligible for this grant opportunity.

**Q:** Would the size of an organization disqualify them from this grant opportunity?

**A:** The size of an organization is not part of our eligibility/scoring criteria, so your organization size would not disqualify you from receiving funds for this grant program.

**Q:** The grant eligibility states applicants must be in good standing with current or previous Age Strong grant reporting requirements. Does this apply if you have not previously received funding from Age Strong?

**A:** This eligibility requirement only applies to organizations who have previously received funding from Age Strong. This criteria would not be applicable if you have not received Age Strong funding in the past.

**Q:** If awarded, when will the grant funding be disbursed?

**A:** Once award notifications are sent, our goal is to have payments disbursed within a couple of weeks. Ideally, they will be disbursed towards the beginning of the grant period.

**Q:** If an individual applies for a grant on behalf of a group / organization that does not have non-profit status, how are the funds disbursed- to the individual or the organization's bank account?

**A:** If you are applying as an individual, the funds will go to a bank account chosen at your discretion, unless you would like to apply as an individual with a fiscal sponsor who is a 501(c)(3). In that case, the funds would go to the fiscal sponsor first and then be disbursed to you.