

*Texas Foundations Fund 2018
Frequently Asked Questions*

- Q. Our organization is a government entity. Are we eligible to apply?**
A. No. Only nonprofits with a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS are eligible to apply this year.
- Q. Our organization would like to use matching funds to assist households impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Will you waive certain requirements for those households?**
A. Yes. We will waive the requirement that you serve the priority population stated in your application (serving people with disabilities or in rural communities). The only requirement is that you serve very low-income households.
- Q. Our organization serves people with disabilities, and we would like to designate that we meet the disability priority in our application. What definition does TSAHC use to determine if an individual has a disability?**
A. TSAHC does not require applicants to follow one specific definition of a disability. We allow each organization to determine its own definition of disability based on your existing program guidelines. However, you must specify in your application how you define disability and how you document whether a client has a disability.
- Documentation from the following sources may be used to verify disability status: Social Security Administration (SSI/SSDI), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, and Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (permanent disability only). If the client does not receive benefits from one of the agencies listed above, you may also use a [self-certification form](#) that TSAHC has created to verify a client's disability status.
- Q. Our organization would like to use a matching grant to tear down and reconstruct single family homes. Is this an eligible expense?**
A. No. Reconstruction is not an eligible expense under the Texas Foundations Fund.
- Q. Do we need to upload a current program budget as part of our application?**
A. No. We ask for the program budget for the previous year, but not for the current year. We will request a budget for your matching grant when you submit your funding request to access your matching grant later in the year.
- Q. Our 2017 financial audit will not be available until late summer 2018. Are we still eligible to apply?**
A. Yes. You can apply by uploading your 2015 and 2016 audits with your application. However, if you are selected as a partner, you must submit your 2017 audit for review before accessing your 2018 matching grant.
- Q. Our organization received a grant in 2016 and 2017. Are we eligible to apply this year?**
A. Yes, as long as you have met all of the obligations of your most recent award. TSAHC has eliminated the previous policy that made selected partners not eligible to receive funding more than twice in a three year period.

- Q. How much funding should we request in our application?**
- A.** This is an application to be selected as a partner, not a grant application, so you should not request a specific funding amount in your application. TSAHC will announce selected partners in September 2018 and will notify all selected partners of the funding amount available to them.
- Q. If we are selected as a partner, will we receive the same amount of funding each year?**
- A. Not necessarily.** The amount of funding will depend on the total funding available each year, as determined by TSAHC's Board of Directors. Selected partners will be notified of the total amount available to them in September of each year. It is also possible that selected partners may be eligible to receive additional funds during the year if additional funds are raised for the program and/or if some partners do not access the total amount of their matching grant.
- Q. Can we provide supportive services to a specific population (such as veterans) with our matching grant?**
- A. Yes.** As long as you meet all of organization and program eligibility requirements, you may use your matching grant to provide services to a specific population. Examples may include, but are not limited to, veterans, women with children, youth aging out of foster care, etc.
- Q. Our organization provides supportive housing but we partner with other local nonprofits to provide services such as case management, financial education and mental health counseling. Can we submit a joint application with our nonprofit partners?**
- A.** In this situation, TSAHC recommends that the organization that provides supportive housing serve as the 'applicant of record'. That organization would include narratives in their application that explains the partnership structure and the role played by each partner. If the applicant of record wants to use any portion of its matching grant to pay for services provided by a partner, that applicant would need to include a copy of the contract or Memorandum of Understanding in place to perform and pay for those services.
- Q. Our organization is statewide in scope, and we offer supportive housing programs in several communities throughout Texas. Can we complete a separate application for each location?**
- A. No.** Only one application is permitted per organization. However, you may serve as many Texas counties as you wish with your matching grant.
- Q. Our organization provides supportive housing services to residents of the local public housing authority. Are we eligible to apply for funding for these services?**
- A. No.** Applicants ***must*** own and operate housing with supportive services. Because the housing is owned and operated by the local housing authority, your organization would not be eligible for a matching grant.
- Q. We are a supportive housing provider that provides adult education, job training and financial literacy to both our residents and to the surrounding community. Are we eligible to apply for funding?**
- A. Yes.** However, your matching grant must be targeted to those services specifically provided to your residents.
- Q. Our organization is a faith-based nonprofit organization. Are we eligible to apply for funding?**
- A. Yes.** As long as your organization is designated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit by the IRS, and your organization and program meet our other eligibility requirements, you are eligible to apply.