



## Impact Austin Spring 2023 Nonprofit Workshop January 10, 2023 | Questions & Answers from Event

- **If we apply for one initiative in the Spring for Community or Education and are denied, will we be able to apply in the Fall for another initiative?**
  - Yes, applicants in the Spring that are not awarded a grant can apply again in the Fall for either an Equity or Health and Well-Being grant.
- **What is the eligibility cut-off for prior awardees?**
  - Please refer to this chart, which is also available on Impact Austin's website, [www.impactaustin.org/grantmaking](http://www.impactaustin.org/grantmaking) -- see [Impact Austin Grant Application Guidelines](#). If the grant cycle when you received an IA grant is not specifically listed, then you are eligible. If you still have concerns about your eligibility, reach out to us at [grants@impactaustin.org](mailto:grants@impactaustin.org).

Community Partner Eligibility (Month of Award)	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Fall 2024
Spring Primary CP 2021 (July)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spring Secondary CP 2021 (July)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fall Primary CP 2021 (December)	No	No	Yes	Yes
Fall Secondary CP 2021 (December)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spring Primary CP 2022 (June)	No	No	No	Yes
Spring Secondary CP 2022 (June)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fall Primary CP 2022 (November)	No	No	No	No
Fall Secondary CP 2022 (November)	No	No	Yes	Yes

### **SIG and g3 Grant Eligibility:**

1. An Impact Austin Community Partner can apply for a g3 grant at any time.
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  3. A g3 Community Partner cannot apply for a new g3 grant the year following its award.
  4. The SIG 2020 Community Partner extended its grant period; therefore, it is not eligible to reapply until Spring 2024.
- **Could one organization apply in two categories simultaneously?**
    - No. Applicants may only apply in one focus area each grant cycle. Applicants in Spring 2023 must choose whether to apply for a Community or Education grant.
  - **Can a grant application be for both program and capacity needs?**
    - Yes, a grant applicant can submit a proposal that would fund a program/project, capacity building, or a combination of both.



- **You mentioned that organizations can apply with new or existing projects that last a specific amount of time. Does that mean that ongoing programs/projects are not favorable to Impact Austin?**
  - Both new and ongoing programs/projects are eligible for an Impact Austin grant. Both are viewed equally by Impact Austin. You must spend the Impact Austin grant within 24 months under either scenario.
- **What has been the average grant award in the past two years for the primary and secondary grantees?**
  - Please see <https://www.impactaustin.org/impact> for more information about recent grant awards. Grant amounts vary based on the number of Impact Austin members and have recently ranged from \$74,000 to \$90,000 for the primary grant and \$18,000 to \$22,000 for the secondary grant.
- **What are the deadlines and timeline for the spring grant applications?**
  - The Spring 2023 grants are open on January 13, close February 7, and will be awarded in June 2023. The Fall 2023 grants will be awarded in November 2023.
- **Our development team always works together on a shared online workspace. Is there a template for the application questions (and any limitations on text) in advance so we can be working on it before we log into Impact Austin's system?**
  - The template for the application including word limits is available on Impact Austin's website, [www.impactaustin.org/grantmaking](http://www.impactaustin.org/grantmaking) -- see [Impact Austin Grant Application Guidelines](#).
- **Is a 990EZ postcard acceptable?**
  - Yes.
- **Will there be a period that the financial docs are reviewed if we submit early?**
  - We encourage all applicants to submit their applications and attachments early. However, at this time, we are not able to review and provide feedback to applicants prior to the deadline. If you have questions about the required financial documents, please reach out to us at [grants@impactaustin.org](mailto:grants@impactaustin.org).
- **Are you looking specifically to fund smaller or larger organizations, or is organizational budget size of no matter to Impact Austin?**
  - Impact Austin has funded both small and large organizations. The size of the organizational budget is not one of the criteria used in grant assessment. During the financial review, the relationship between the Impact Austin grant and the organization's total budget may be considered.
- **If we are awarded a grant, what is the term of a Community Partner's Impact Austin membership?**
  - Two years, regardless of the length of the grant awarded.



- **Are salaries considered part of the capacity grant; for example, hiring someone or covering the salary of a current staff member?**
  - Many, if not all, initiatives require staff to design and deliver the intended outcomes. For most nonprofits, administrative costs, including staffing, are the largest expenditures.
- **We have recently broken ground at our new facility and would be interested in seeking funding to cover something like outfitting the kitchen that will directly be utilized by our members. Is that something that would fall under general capital campaigns, construction, or renovation that you do not fund?**
  - It does sound like it would fall under that category unless it is related to a specific proposed initiative or can be linked directly to increased productivity or building more capacity for your organization.
- **I understand requests for fundraising are not acceptable, however, would fundraising technology (an upgraded software platform with added features) be considered as capacity building?**
  - Yes, technology that would make a significant impact on your organization would be considered capacity building.
- **Would something that has been funded in the past be considered again (an outside program evaluation)?**
  - Any new application is considered on its own merits by the Grant Review Committee for your selected focus area.
- **What is the compliance requirement?**
  - If this is reference to a regulatory requirement, the organization must be a public charity, with a 501(c)(3) designation under the IRS code or fiscally sponsored by an authorized foundation.
  - We also have reporting requirements that will be listed in your grant agreement with Impact Austin:
    - Two-year restricted grants will require three interim reports (at six-month intervals) and one final report.
    - One-year restricted grants will require one interim report and one final report.
    - An unrestricted grant will require one final report.
- **Is the capacity grant a third grant or one of the Education or Community grants?**
  - A capacity grant is not a third grant, but a type of initiative that an organization may apply for under one of the two focus areas (Education and Community in Spring 2023). An initiative proposed for either of these focus areas may be for a program/project, capacity building, or both.
- **Our physical address is not in Austin, but we service clients in Austin. Would we still be eligible?**
  - Yes, an organization is eligible if it serves clients in Travis, Hays, Williamson and/or Bastrop counties.
- **We do not have a physical office and are fully virtual. Can we still have a site visit?**
  - We can do virtual site visits as well.



- **Is funding for a part-time grant writer considered capacity?**
  - Yes, if it is a component of a proposal that will significantly impact the capacity of an organization to execute its mission.
- **We're a small non-profit that runs an affordable housing program. Our grant request would be for rehabilitation/repair funds for our existing housing. Is this prohibited under the "No general construction or renovation" requests?**
  - If your repairs are part of the ongoing program, they would be eligible.
- **If we want to apply for the Fall, is that application done later?**
  - Yes, the Fall applications are currently scheduled from July 7 through August 1.
- **Can you note the average number of applications you get in each area per cycle?**
  - They vary widely by focus area and cycle, ranging from 25 to 40.
- **Is the Girls Giving Grants separate from Impact Austin's Grant?**
  - Yes, you can apply for a g3 grant in addition to an Impact Austin Grant. Applications for g3, which funds programs and projects that positively impact the lives of children and youth, open in October. Awards are made in April.
- **Will the grant amounts be announced this Friday when the application window opens?**
  - Yes, the grant amounts for each focus area will be announced on Jan 13th.
- **By the due date, many annual financial statements for a calendar year will be draft. Is that okay?**
  - Yes, absolutely, draft statements will be fine. You can also submit November statements if December has not been finalized.