



## Seeds of Strength Grant Application Process Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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1. **Where do I find additional information or forms about the Grant Application process?** Documents and Forms are available on the Seeds of Strength website: [www.seedsofstrength.org](http://www.seedsofstrength.org), “Our Grants”, “Apply for a Grant”.
2. **Whom can we contact to discuss our grant application?**  
Seeds of Strength is committed to a fair, unbiased process. For questions regarding Seeds of Strength’s grant guidelines or process, you may email [grants@seedsofstrength.org](mailto:grants@seedsofstrength.org).
3. **How should I submit my Grant Application?**  
See the *Eligibility Requirements and Funding Priorities, Four Step Grant Application Process, Areas of Interest, and Grant Application Guidelines* for further instructions. Applicants should request a Dropbox link to submit the application documents via a Dropbox folder by emailing the request to [grants@seedsofstrength.org](mailto:grants@seedsofstrength.org) between 9/29/25 and 11/7/25. The application submission deadline is Friday, November 14, 2025 at 5pm.
4. **Can our organization submit more than one Grant ?**  
No. Each organization may submit only one grant application per year.
5. **Our organization is exempt from paying sales tax in the State of Texas and we have a certificate from the state. Can we use this to prove our nonprofit status in our grant submission?**  
No. If your organization is a 501(c) (3) public charity, you should have a determination letter from the IRS stating this. A copy of the determination letter must be attached to your application.
6. **We are a faith-based organization. Can we apply?**  
Yes, with certain qualifications. Seeds of Strength’s *Eligibility Requirements & Funding Priorities* state that we do not fund organizations that require a belief in or participation in activities of a particular faith, denomination or religion in order to benefit from or receive services in connection with the program. A faith-based organization should take steps to ensure that any inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction or proselytization, are separate, in time or location, from the services that would be funded wholly or in part, by a Seeds of Strength grant. Additionally, our grantees may not require program participants to attend or take part in any religious activities and may not discriminate against a current or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief. Any participation in religious activities or events by recipients of Seeds of Strength’s grant-funded services must be completely voluntary.  
Seeds of Strength will not fund a program that restricts participation because of religion (*e.g., participation in the program or use of the facility requires that you profess a certain faith*), and/or principally guided by or requires religious activities (*e.g., the program is designed for purposes of engaging or bringing others into a religion*).
7. **Our program could qualify under more than one of Seeds of Strengths Areas of Interest descriptions. Can you suggest which one may give us the greatest advantage?**  
No. We rely on your understanding of your organization’s needs to choose the most relevant area of interest.  
**How can we make our Grants rise to the top?**
  - The submissions that really stand out are from organizations that have a clear and thoughtful mission, fill a defined need by reaching out to underserved populations in the Georgetown community, are financially healthy, AND have a well-conceived program that needs funding.
  - The number of people served by a program and the intensity of services proposed. We evaluate the depth and duration of the impact on the target population, and whether the impact might extend beyond the scope of the program and have a ripple effect, either in the broader community or over time.
  - For requests to fund programs, a clear explanation of how a program can be sustained after the Seeds of Strength award is spent is important to us. We would like to know that we are jump-starting or investing in a program that has a strong probability of being funded beyond our one year involvement.
  - We recommend that you do not try to guess what kind of program or interest area Seeds of Strength “prefers” to fund. Each year organizations with the most impactful grant programs inevitably rise to the top as finalists and award recipients.

8. **Will you consider a proposal from a group or organizations collaborating on a program?**  
Yes, however, one of the collaborating organizations must be the “lead organization,” applying as if it were an individual organization on behalf of the collaboration. The lead organization must be willing to take on all the potential rights, responsibilities, restrictions and liabilities of the grant, if it is received. Both organizations must sign Seeds of Strength’s **Collaborator Agreement** and submit the agreement with the application. Please review **Eligibility Requirements and Funding Priorities, and Grant Application Guidelines** for additional information.
9. **The program for which we seek funding will be a collaborative effort. Do both organizations have to be a 501(c)(3)?**  
Yes, both organizations have to be a 501(c)(3).
10. **Do you have any other requirements for applying for a collaborative grant?**  
The **lead organization** must complete the application and describe the collaborative program and with whom they will be collaborating. They will answer all questions describing the proposed program. The lead organization must submit all required financial attachments.  
**The Collaborative organization** must also submit the required financials to the Dropbox file folder provided to the lead organization and their contact information via email at [grants@seedsofstrength.org](mailto:grants@seedsofstrength.org).
11. **Can an organization apply for a grant separately and also as a Collaborative in the same year?**  
No. Organizations applying for a grant as part of a Collaborative Program are not eligible to also apply in the same grant cycle for a grant as an individual organization, and vice versa.
12. **Are we required to use the sample financial forms attached to the grant application?**  
Yes. Wherever a requested attachment says, “use the attached form,” that’s what we want you to do. We understand you may have the same information in another format but putting the financial information in a format common for all proposals helps our committees review the information more efficiently and effectively.
13. **What types of expenses do you allow in a program budget?**  
Seeds of Strength will fund capital expenditures (e.g., *capital improvements to property and the purchase of fixed assets*), program expense (*including salaries*) or a combination thereof.
14. **When funding capital improvement projects, does Seeds of Strength have specific requirements with respect to the ownership/leasing of property?**  
Yes. The property must be owned by the applicant or leased with a minimum of five years remaining on the lease. Ownership or lease of said property must be in place as of the application due date. See our **Eligibility Requirements and Funding Priorities** for more information.
15. **What do we do if we do not have one of the attachments requested in the Grant Application?**  
You should include an explanation of why you do not have the attachment. The Grants Committee will take that explanation into consideration as they conduct their review.
16. **My organization submitted an application for the current grant cycle. What’s next?**  
Make sure that you submit your documents in the Dropbox file folder provided by the Grants Committee Chair. Check them to make sure that they are complete and readable before submission. Once the documents are uploaded, they can not be modified.
  - After the application is submitted and deemed eligible, it will be actively considered for funding in the current grant cycle.
  - Once the finalists have been chosen, all applicants will be notified of their status. Those that have been selected to be finalists will be asked to submit a three minute video to present to our membership, prior to voting taking place. This video is your chance to visually state your case to the membership. After voting has taken place the votes will be tallied and the winners announced.
17. **If our organization is not a grant recipient will someone let us know how we can improve our application?**  
Our policy is to provide as much direct feedback as possible.
18. **Once an organization receives a grant from Seeds of Strength, can it reapply the following year?**  
No. Your agency will need to wait out a funding cycle to be eligible to apply for a grant again (e.g., *an organization that was awarded a Grant in 2025 cannot apply for 2026. The organization will be eligible to apply again for 2027*).
19. **In what period of time must the money be spent?**  
Seeds of Strength requires that the organization uses the full amount of the grant funding during the July 1 - June 30 grant year.
20. **May I send additional materials with the application, such as one of our brochures or newsletters?**  
No. Please send only the information specifically requested. Any additional materials will not be considered.

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