



Policy Campaign/Collaborative Grants Frequently Asked Questions

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We greatly appreciate the time and effort that leaders are taking to apply for this opportunity and based on interest and the volume of the inquiries received, **we have extended the deadline for submission of proposals to March 13, 2023.**

In light of the inquiries received, we offer this *Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQ) document.

What are Policy Campaigns?

Policy campaigns are coordinated efforts aimed at modifying/changing laws, regulations, and/or public policy.

What are the Policy Campaign/Collaborative Grants?

Policy Campaign/Collaborative Grants are offered to support timely public policy efforts that pursue change through grassroots advocacy, civic engagement, and community organizing. Funding is unrestricted and supports general operations. Funding can be used to address urgent and emerging organizational needs, support salaries and benefits, invest in technology, strengthen communication efforts, and to meet other operational needs.

What are some examples of what this grant may support?

- Efforts which advance coordinated local or state public policy advocacy and organizing campaigns driving meaningful, systemic change that may include voter engagement, education and mobilization;
- Expansion of organizing capacity to respond to the ever-evolving legislative and electoral landscape;
- Development of research and analysis, convenings and community campaigns that generate innovative approaches to solving policy challenges; and/or
- The testing and incubating of opportunistic or innovative initiatives that are well-positioned to advance policy change such as ballot initiatives.

What is the grant timeframe?

Grants will be awarded for one year and are non-renewable.

Is collaboration between organizations a requirement to apply or can an organization apply alone for the grant?

Collaborative efforts between/among multiple organizations are welcome, but it is not a requirement for applying for or receiving the grant.



What is the total amount available for the grant?

The total distribution amount that will be awarded this grant cycle is \$100,000. The total award *may* be distributed in the following manner:

- One campaign/collaborative effort receives the full grant award of \$100,000; **OR**
- Two different/unrelated campaigns/collaborative efforts receive \$50,000 each.

Is there a particular issue an organization should focus on?

No, there is no specific issue organizations are required to center in the application. Ideally, submissions will illustrate how the funding requested will support efforts to advance public policy aligned with Deaconess' mission.

What is the 2023 Policy Campaign/Collaborative Grant application deadline?

The initial deadline for this grant was February 27, 2023; however, based on the volume of inquiries received, **we are extending the deadline for submission to Monday, March 13, 2023.**

Will the Policy Campaign/Collaborative Grant be offered in 2024?

Yes, we plan to offer this grant opportunity in Spring 2024. The awarded 2023 applicant(s) may apply again for the new cycle in 2024.

If I have additional questions, who should I contact?

For any additional questions regarding this grant or other opportunities with Deaconess Foundation, please email granthelp@deaconess.org.