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Hispanic Impact Fund 2026 RFP Release Webinar



Welcome to the Hispanic Impact Fund RFP Release Webinar

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Today's Agenda

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Introductions & ACF Overview

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About ACF

Our Mission

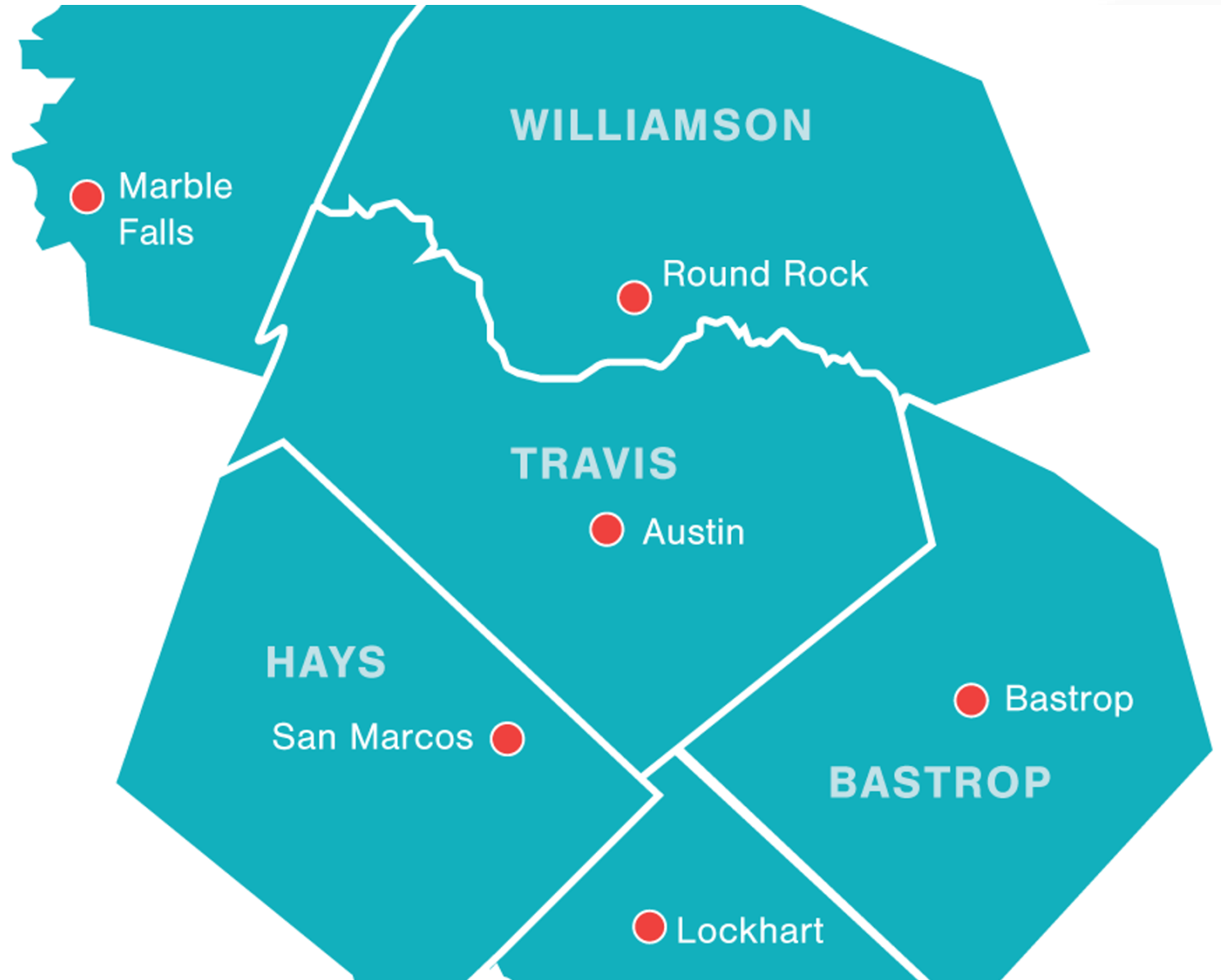
We mobilize ideas and resources to strengthen Central Texas.

Our Vision

A vibrant and equitable community where everyone can contribute and find opportunity.



Our Service Area



Your Trusted Partner in Philanthropy



Corporate & Donor Advised Funds

Supporting your family or
organizational philanthropic
goals



Tax & Estate Planning

Working with advisors
toward solutions—today
and far into the future



ACF Signature Programs

Connecting you with data-
informed, community-led
solutions



Nonprofit Grant Partners

Engaging in trust-based
philanthropy and
grantmaking

Signature Programs Grant Cycle

- / The grant cycle for Hispanic Impact Fund and Women's Fund happen at the same time, through a joint application
- / Across Funds, 31 grants will be awarded totaling **\$1,100,000**



Hispanic Impact Fund 2026 Grant Opportunity

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The Hispanic Impact Fund was founded in 2017 to support the economic mobility and advancement of Hispanic Central Texans—an essential priority for the future of our region.

In total, \$550,000 in unrestricted general operating support will be awarded to 16 different organizations.

- / Winning Finalist: \$55,500 total; a multi-year grant over two years
- / Runner-up Finalist: \$38,000 total; a multi-year grant over two years
- / Two Semifinalists: \$22,000

16 Grantee Organizations				
<i>Four awards per strategy</i>				
	Early Childhood Education	Health & Wellness	Job Skills & Entrepreneurship	Leadership Development
FINALIST	\$55,500	\$55,500	\$55,500	\$55,500
	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
SEMIFINALIST	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
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Awarding a total of \$550,000!				

Grantmaking Strategies

/ We invest in the following:



**EARLY
CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION**



**HEALTH &
WELLNESS**



**JOB SKILLS &
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**



**LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT**

Early Childhood Education



/ ACF will invest in organizations that provide access to affordable, high-quality pre-K and early childhood education starting at age 3, building the pipeline from cradle to career for Latino families.

Examples of previously funded programs in Early Childhood Education

Program that provides inclusive early childhood education and therapeutic support for medically fragile and developmentally delayed children, with expanded infant/toddler and respite care to help caregivers maintain employment and education.

Program that provides free, trauma-informed, two-generation early childhood education for low-income Latino families in Austin, equipping both children for school readiness and caregivers for family resilience.

Program that provides a play-based, bilingual STEAM museum embedded in a predominantly Latino community, offering culturally responsive early learning for children and professional development for educators.

Health & Wellness



/ ACF will invest in organizations that expand access and create pathways to quality physical and mental healthcare services that are culturally competent, secure, and honor privacy.

Examples of previously funded programs in Health & Wellness

Program that provides affordable, high-quality preventive and emergency dental care to low-income, primarily Hispanic/Latino uninsured individuals in Central Texas through a culturally responsive team with wraparound support services.

Program that provides accessible, affordable, culturally competent medical care for uninsured families, including acute care, chronic disease management, and specialty services such as cardiology, diabetes care, and well-woman clinics.

Program that provides culturally responsive health education and preventive care, including screenings, immunizations, and care navigation to uninsured and underinsured Latino immigrant families in Central Texas.

Job Skills & Entrepreneurship



/ ACF will invest in organizations that advance workforce development and entrepreneurship through skills training, expert advising, and access to capital—enabling individuals to build careers and grow sustainable businesses.

Examples of previously funded programs in Job Skills & Entrepreneurship

Program that provides zero-cost ESL education, workforce development, and wraparound support services for immigrants and refugees, including childcare, healthcare access, emergency financial assistance, and internship placements.

Program that provides culturally responsive career education for Hispanic families in Central Texas, combining occupational training in high-demand fields like HVAC and electrical with English language learning, digital literacy, and wraparound support.

Program that provides full tuition support and wraparound services for low-income adults pursuing postsecondary degrees in healthcare, IT, and skilled trades, with graduates consistently advancing into living-wage careers.

Leadership Development



/ ACF will invest in organizations that develop the potential of emerging Latino leaders by expanding access to tailored training and opportunities that unlock pathways to increase representation across sectors.

Examples of previously funded programs in Leadership Development

Program that empowers first-generation students to pursue careers in law by removing financial barriers, providing mentorship, and creating direct connections to internships and jobs.

Program that fosters leadership development and professional connections among existing and emerging Latino leaders in Central Texas, expanding Hispanic representation across sectors through advocacy, mentorship, and a robust leadership pipeline.

Program that supports first-generation students from sixth grade through college graduation with up to twelve years of individualized coaching, leadership development, career exploration, and professional internships.

Selecting the Right Strategy

- / Select the strategy that best aligns with your organization's mission, current work, and where you can demonstrate meaningful impact
- / Refer to our guiding definitions to understand the specific meanings of key terms used in each strategy statement
- / Organizations can only apply in one strategy area



2025 GRANT CYCLE Strategy Statements & Guiding Definitions



We invest in direct services and systems-level change in the following impact areas:



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Kindergarten-readiness is essential for improving long-term academic outcomes for Latino children. The Fund invests in organizations that provide access to affordable, high-quality pre-K and early childhood education starting at age 3, building the pipeline from cradle to career for Latino families.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Access to affordable, preventative healthcare is a key factor in helping Latino families avoid unexpected health crises and resultant financial ruin. The Fund invests in organizations that expand access and create pathways to quality physical and mental healthcare services that are culturally competent, secure, and honor privacy.



JOB SKILLS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Many Latinos are confined to minimal incomes. The Fund invests in organizations that advance workforce development and entrepreneurship through skills training, expert advising, and access to capital—enabling individuals to build careers and grow sustainable businesses.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Latinos in Central Texas represent a third of the population, however, they are not proportionately reflected in key leadership positions across all sectors. The Fund invests in organizations that develop the potential of emerging Latino leaders by expanding access to tailored training and opportunities that unlock pathways to increase representation across sectors.

Guiding Definitions

- / **Access** – Impact area is approached or addressed through either direct services provided to the end user or by advocating for systems-level change that will have broader, or more long-term, benefits for Latinos.
- / **Careers** – Living-wage, stable, and advancement-oriented occupations that offer individuals and families the opportunity for long-term economic mobility and financial security.
- / **Culturally Competent** – The ability to understand, appreciate, and interact with people from cultures or belief systems different from one's own. Suggests an ability by health care providers and organizations to understand and respond effectively to the cultural and linguistic needs brought by patients.
- / **Emerging Leaders** – Individuals—typically high school age and above—who have demonstrated leadership potential or interest.
- / **Healthcare Services** – Includes the formal delivery of healthcare by trained professionals and facilities that increase the likelihood of desired health outcomes and are consistent with evidence-based professional knowledge. Services should be effective, safe, and people-centered.
- / **High-Quality Pre-K** – Families have access to options that meet their needs, and all areas of a child's development is fostered by responsive, nurturing, and engaging care—with educators who are well-qualified and well-paid—including culturally and linguistically responsive and developmentally appropriate for all children.
- / **Minimal incomes** – Annual household earnings below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. For a family of 4 in 2025, this is an annual income of \$64,300.
- / **Secure** – Services that are reliable, consistently available, and delivered by trusted providers. It ensures that individuals can count on ongoing access to care, feel safe engaging with the system, and have confidence that their health needs will be met with respect and continuity.

A note on terminology: In the United States, there is a complex discussion between the terms Hispanic, Latino, and Latinx for individuals of Latin American descent. While many Latinos identify based on their country of origin, there is a need to measure our shared experience. According to the Pew Research Center, Hispanic was put into use by the United States (U.S.) government in the 1970s after Mexican Americans and other Spanish-speaking organizing groups demanded the federal government officially collect data on Spanish-speaking populations. The term Latino was first used by the federal government in the 1990s when many Latino groups cited that the term Hispanic embraced the Spanish colonialism of the Americas. The Hispanic Impact Fund has adopted both Latino and Hispanic, using them interchangeably.

Eligibility

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Eligibility Considerations

- / All applicants must be tax-exempt organizations or units of government serving the six county Central Texas region - **Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, or Williamson counties**. This includes organizations that are fiscally sponsored by a nonprofit.
- / **Organizations must have been actively operating as a nonprofit (or fiscally sponsored project) for at least 2 full years**
- / **Organization's annual budget must be greater than or equal to \$50,000**
- / **ACF does not fund:**
 - / Endowment funds
 - / Privately owned businesses or for-profit entities
 - / Fundraising activities or events
 - / Religious organizations for **religious purposes**
 - / Individuals or scholarships
 - / Political lobbying or legislative activities
 - / Umbrella funding organizations

Additional Eligibility Considerations

- / **Compliance:** If you have a current grant through any ACF program, you must be in compliance with that grant to apply
- / If you applied for a Forever Austin Fund grant this year, **you are eligible**
- / Organizations can apply to **both the Women's Fund and the Hispanic Impact Fund**
- / Organizations awarded Women's Fund or Hispanic Impact Fund multi-year grants in 2025 **may apply in a *different strategy* than the one for which they are still receiving payment**

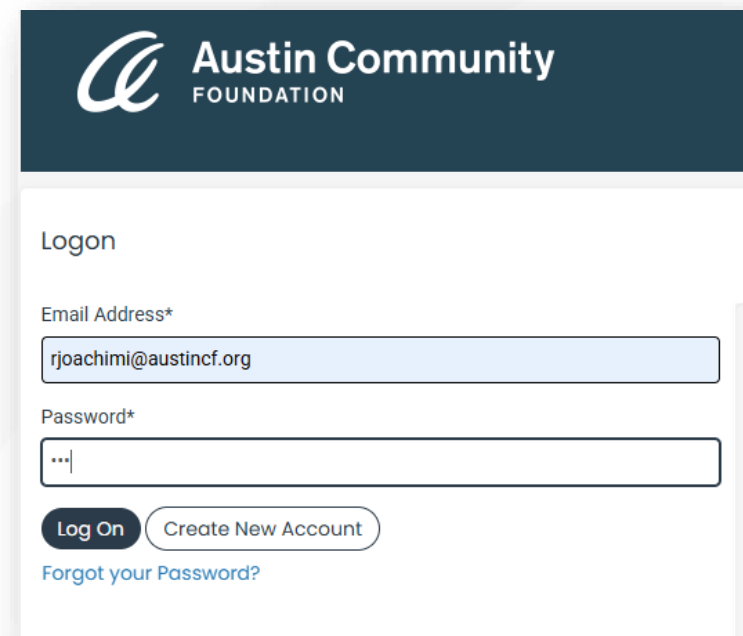
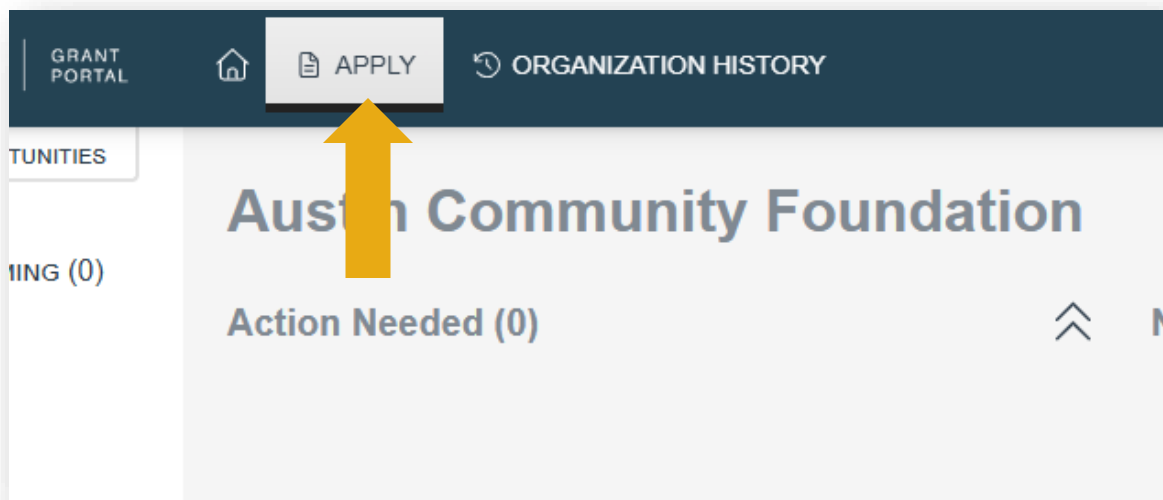
Completing the RFP

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How to Access the Application

- / Login to our Online Grant Portal. If you aren't sure if your organization has an account, or you need to be added as a user, email rjoachimi@austincf.org
- / Once logged in, navigate to the Apply page at the top of your screen.



A screenshot of the Austin Community Foundation Logon form. The form is white with a dark blue header containing the Austin Community Foundation logo and name. The form fields include: 'Email Address*' with the value 'rjoachimi@austincf.org', and 'Password*' with a masked password '...'. Below the fields are two buttons: 'Log On' and 'Create New Account'. A link 'Forgot your Password?' is located below the buttons.

Step 1: Eligibility Quiz

Eligibility
Quiz

Ensures eligibility
to apply for funding

Eligibility Quiz

Eligibility - 2026 ACF Program Funds Grant Cycle



Eligibility Check - 2026 ACF Program Funds

The 2026 ACF Program Funds application begins with a brief eligibility check to

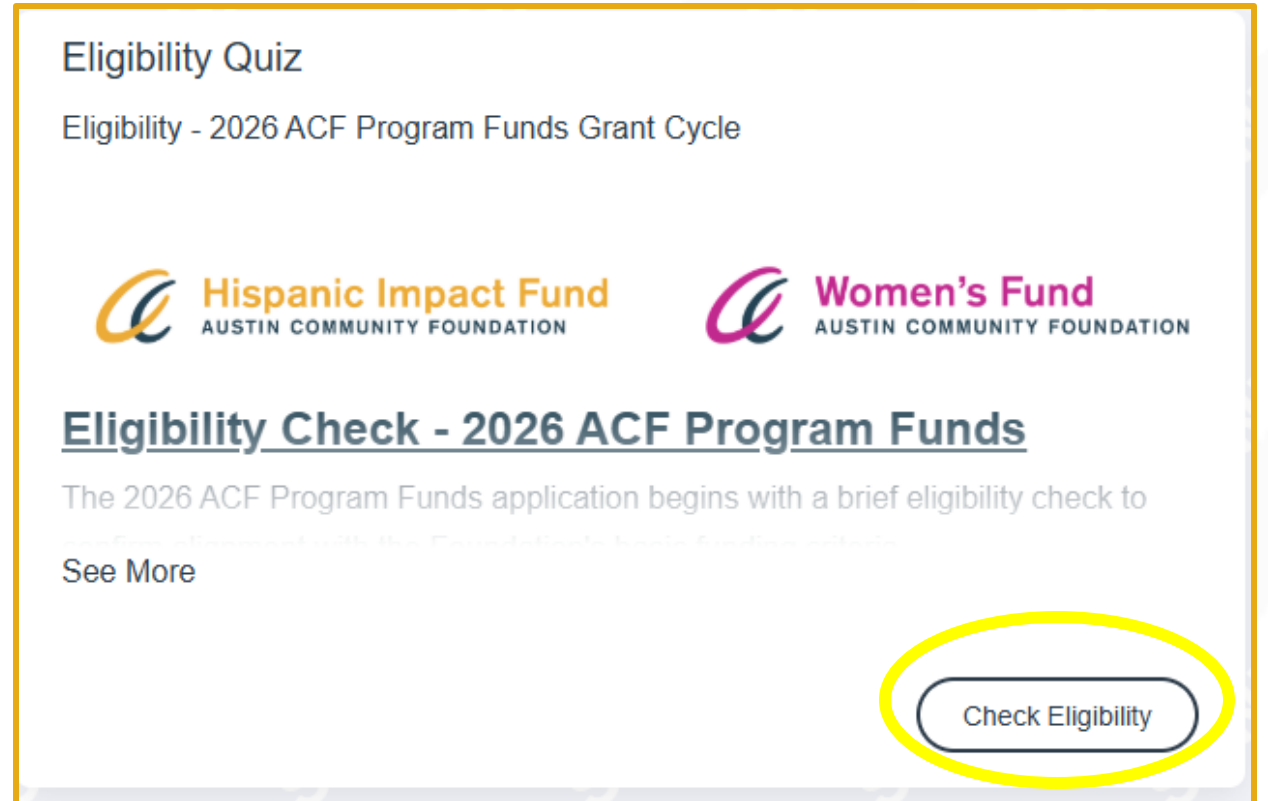
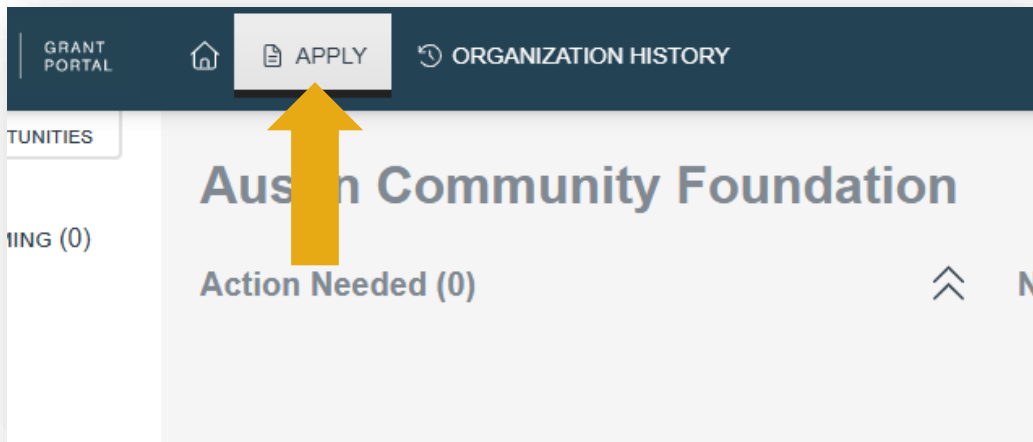
confirm alignment with the Foundation's basic funding criteria.

[See More](#)

[Check Eligibility](#)

Eligibility Quiz – How to Access

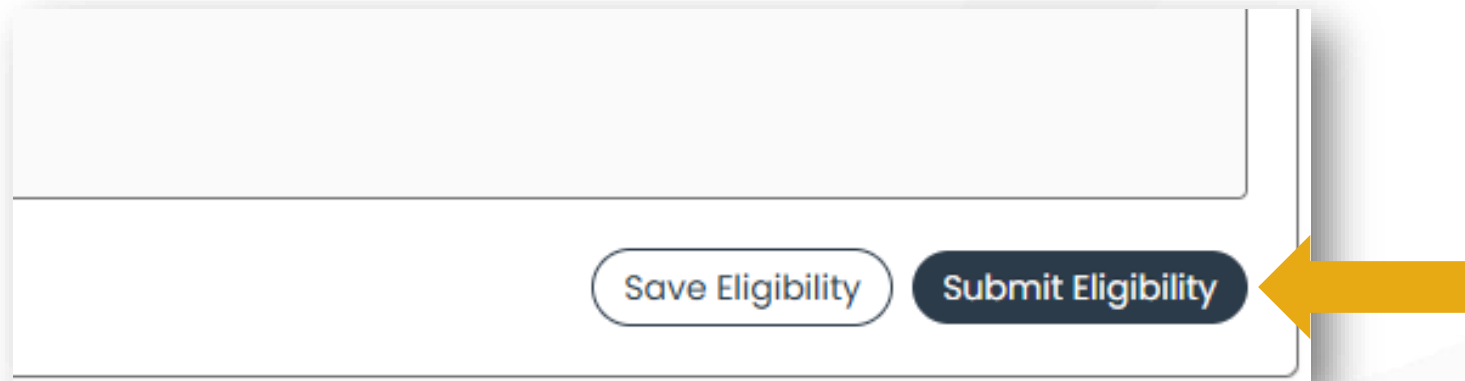
- / You will see the Eligibility Quiz at the top of your Apply page.
- / Click **"Check Eligibility."**



A screenshot of the Eligibility Quiz page. The page has a white background with a yellow border. At the top, it says "Eligibility Quiz" and "Eligibility - 2026 ACF Program Funds Grant Cycle". Below this are the logos for the "Hispanic Impact Fund" and "Women's Fund", both associated with the "AUSTIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION". The main heading is "Eligibility Check - 2026 ACF Program Funds". Below the heading, there is a paragraph of text: "The 2026 ACF Program Funds application begins with a brief eligibility check to..." followed by "See More". At the bottom right, there is a button labeled "Check Eligibility" which is circled in yellow.

Eligibility Quiz – Complete & Submit

- / Answer all questions in the Eligibility Quiz.
- / You can save your quiz responses and return to the Apply page later to complete.
- / When ready, hit **"Submit Eligibility"** at the bottom of your page:



Eligibility Quiz – Meet the Criteria



- / If you **do** meet the eligibility requirements, you will receive a simple submission verification message upon submitting your eligibility:
- / Click "Continue".

Confirmation

✔ Your Eligibility has been submitted.

ℹ Click 'Continue' to view the Apply page.

Continue


Eligibility Quiz – Meet the Criteria




- / After clicking "Continue", you'll be redirected to the Apply page. Immediately, you'll see that the application form has been generated.
- / Click "**Apply**" to begin a draft. From there, you can complete, save, and submit your application!

Eligibility Quiz

Eligibility - 2026 ACF Program Funds Grant Cycle


 **Hispanic Impact Fund**
AUSTIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION


 **Women's Fund**
AUSTIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION


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[See More](#)

 Eligible

 **Hispanic Impact Fund**
AUSTIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

 **Women's Fund**
AUSTIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2026 ACF Program Funds Grant Cycle

Thank you for your interest in Austin Community Foundation's 2026 Program Funds Grant Cycle. Grant cycles for the [Hispanic Impact Fund](#) and the [Women's Fund](#) are happening concurrently. Applicants will submit **one** application, regardless of which Program Fund(s) they are applying for.

Cycle Timeline:

[See More](#)

 Closes
07/31/2026

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Eligibility Quiz – Do Not Meet the Criteria



/ If you **do not** meet the eligibility requirements, you will immediately receive a decline message upon submitting your quiz, and the application form **will not** become available on your Apply page.

Eligibility Quiz ×

Based on your responses, your organization does not meet the eligibility requirements for the 2026 ACF Program Funds grant cycle.

You can review the eligibility criteria for this opportunity on our website [here](#).
Thank you for your interest.

Eligibility Quiz Tips & Reminders



If you **do** meet the eligibility requirements, the option to begin an application will remain on your Apply page—even if you don't immediately begin a draft.



If you do **not** meet the eligibility requirements, you won't be able to retake the quiz—please reach out to us if you believe there was an error.



Quizzes should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.



Be honest about your organization and your funding needs!



Review our Eligibility Considerations on the Hispanic Impact Fund webpage

Completing the Application

/ You've met the eligibility criteria and are ready to start your application!



Hispanic Impact Fund
AUSTIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Women's Fund
AUSTIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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 Preview

 Apply

Application Sections

- / Introduction & Organizational Information
- / Assurances Checklist
- / Demographic Profile
- / Fund Selection – Women’s Fund or Hispanic Impact Fund
- / Narrative Questions

Please note that fiscally sponsored projects that are applying will have a short additional section to complete.

Introduction & Organizational Information

/ Organization Name

/ Mission

/ Year Founded

/ Central Texas Counties Served

/ Annual Operating Budget (*last complete fiscal year*)

/ Budget Narrative (optional)

/ **File Uploads:** *Annual Operating Budget, IRS Tax-Exempt Determination Letter, Organization Logo*

Assurances

- / **Assurances Checklist**

- / You will answer some quick yes/no questions about your organization

Demographic Profile

Three Groups to Report On

- / **People Served**
 - / Clients, participants, beneficiaries
- / **Board Members & Executive Staff**
 - / Leadership
- / **Non-Executive Staff**
 - / All remaining paid staff

Please fill out this section to the best of your ability; **estimates are OK!**

For Each Group, You'll Enter

- / A total headcount (**actual number**, not a percentage)
- / Race breakdown as percentages (**must total 100**)
- / Ethnicity breakdown as percentages (**must total 100**)

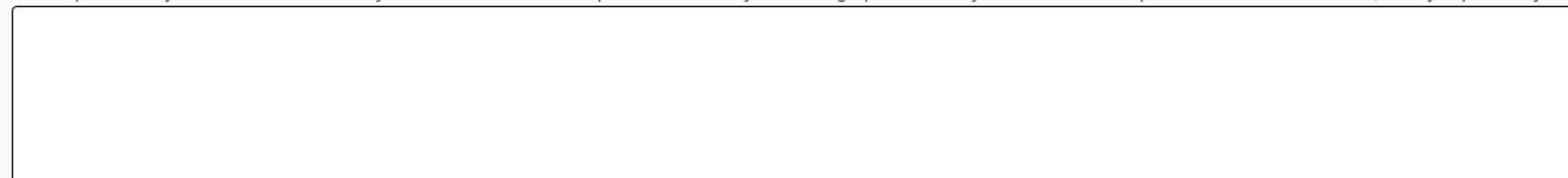
People Served also requires:

- / % at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- / % served by Central Texas county

Demographic Narrative (optional)

Austin Community Foundation aims to fund organizations whose staff, boards and leadership reflect the people served.

Please provide any additional information you wish to share that helps contextualize your demographic data. If you were unable to provide certain information, briefly explain why.



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Demographic Profile Continued

/ **My organization doesn't collect demographic information...**

/ Use the not tracked box

/ Be sure to explain why in the narrative section

/ **How do I account for multiracial individuals?**

/ If a person identifies with more than one race, please count them only in the "Multiracial/Identity Not Listed" percentage

Race	Percent of People Served with Identity
Asian	#* 0
Black/African American	#* 0
Indigenous/Native American	#* 0
Middle Eastern/North African	#* 0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#* 0
White/Caucasian	#* 0
Multiracial/Identity Not Listed	#* 0
Unknown	#* 0
Not Tracked	#* 100
Total	100

Fund Selection

Please select the Program Fund(s) for which you are applying:*

- Hispanic Impact Fund
- Women's Fund



Hispanic Impact Fund Narrative



CEO/ED Representation

CEO/Executive Director Representation

Does the CEO/Executive Director identify as Hispanic or Latino/a/e?*

- Yes
- No

Narrative Questions

- / **Strategy Statement Alignment** – Please share how your organization’s mission and work are addressing or meeting the need outlined in the Hispanic Impact Fund strategy you selected in question 1.
- / **Impact** – Please share an example or story that demonstrates the impact of your work and describe how your work makes a meaningful difference for the individuals and/or communities you serve.
- / **Goals, Outcome & Evaluation** – What does success look like for your organization in your chosen strategy area, both now and in the future? In addition, please share how you track your progress toward your goals.
- / **Cultural Competency & History with Priority Population** - Please share how your work is informed by the voices, needs, and lived experiences of the people you serve. Include your history working with this population, existing partnerships, and how your organization is accessible, responsive, and convenient for people served.

(6500 Character Limit each)

Brief Description

Tip!

- Use plain language
- Be specific

- / A description of your organization and activities in **150 words or less** that excludes your name. If your application advances to the Finalist round, this will be used for the voting process
- / Your description should answer these questions, in order:
 - 1. Who do you serve?**
 - 2. What problem or gap does your work address?**
 - 3. What do you do, and what makes your approach distinctive?**
 - 4. What impact do you seek to make? End with what changes for the people you serve.**

Example

(1) We serve low-income pet owners in Travis County who are facing financial hardship. (2) Veterinary costs are one of the leading reasons families surrender animals to shelters, not because they don't want their pet, but because they cannot afford care. (3) We provide free and low-cost veterinary services, including vaccines, spaying/neutering, and emergency treatment through a walk-in clinic open six days a week. No appointment or proof of income is required. (4) When families can access affordable care, they keep their pets, reducing shelter overcrowding and preserving a bond that supports the stability and well-being of the whole family.

We Appreciate Your Feedback!

- / After you submit your application, you will receive an email with a link to our applicant survey
- / We make improvements to our grant cycle every year based on feedback we get from applicants
- / Look out for the survey email within 24 hours of submission

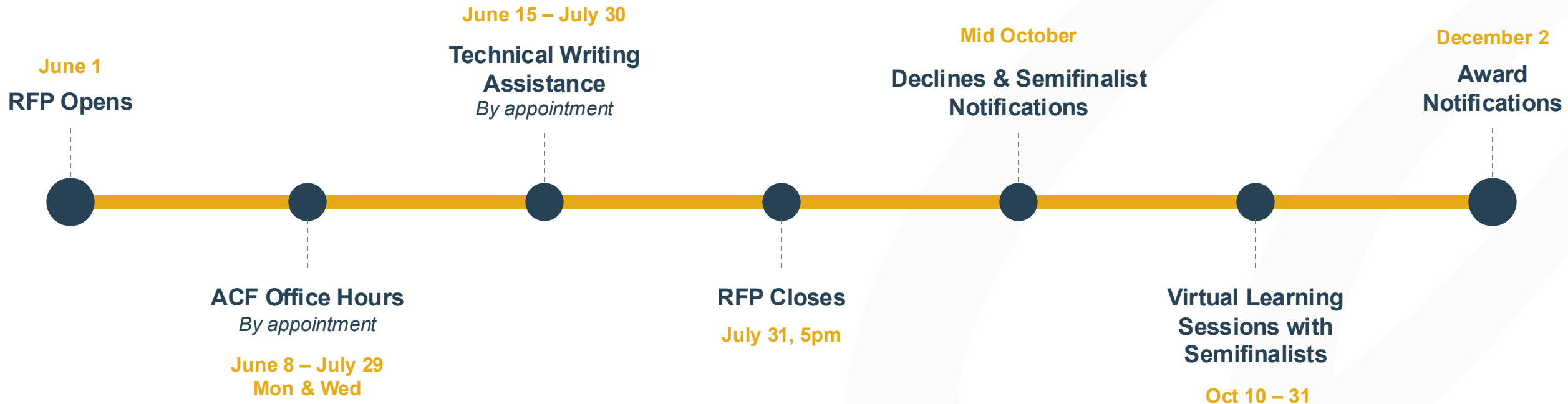


Review Process & Awards

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2026 Grant Cycle Timeline



Who Reviews and Scores?

Tip: Write your application in plain language. Reviewers come from a wide range of professional backgrounds and lived experiences.

- / Applications are reviewed by two groups of scorers.
- / Both must complete unconscious bias training and disclose conflicts of interest.

Grants Committee

- / Hispanic Impact Fund investors who volunteer their time
- / Review applications, lead discussions, and make funding decisions

Community Reviewers

- / Community members who bring lived experience relevant to the Hispanic Impact Fund's strategies
- / Review and score applications
- / Provided a stipend for their time

Rubric

Application Question	Total Possible Points	Weight Toward Total Score
Strategy Statement Alignment	5	25%
Impact	5	25%
Goals, Outcome, & Evaluation	5	25%
Cultural Competency & History with Priority Population	5	25%
Total Narrative Points	20	100%

2026 GRANT CYCLE Hispanic Impact Fund Scoring Rubric

The Hispanic Impact Fund invites proposals from organizations of every size and background. We invest in organizations advancing economic mobility and creating pathways to prosperity for communities that have long faced obstacles. The rubric below outlines how each narrative question will be scored. It is intended to provide transparency into what reviewers are looking for in strong responses and to guide applicants in structuring their answers.

Rubric		
Narrative Question	Reviewer Score	Weight Toward Total Score
Strategy Statement Alignment	<p>5 pts Proposal makes a compelling case that the organization's mission and activities address the need outlined in the strategy and clearly demonstrates how the organization's work and initiatives directly contribute to advancing the goals of the strategy.</p> <p>2 pts Proposal offers a partial explanation of how the organization's mission and activities address the need outlined in the strategy but does not fully demonstrate alignment of the organization's work and initiatives to these goals.</p> <p>0 pts Proposal provides no clear explanation of how the organization's mission and activities address the need outlined in the strategy.</p>	25%
Impact	<p>5 pts Proposal provides a comprehensive and compelling description of how the organization's work meaningfully impacts the individuals and/or communities they serve within the Latino community. The response clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of the organization's approach, activities, or programs in making an impact as it relates to the strategy.</p> <p>2 pts Proposal provides a description of how the organization's work impacts the individuals and/or communities they serve within the Latino community; however the response may lack clarity or not fully demonstrate the effectiveness of the organization's approach, activities, or programs in making an impact as it relates to the strategy.</p> <p>0 pts Proposal does not adequately demonstrate how the organizations work meaningfully impacts the individuals and/or communities they serve within the Latino community.</p>	25%
Goals, Outcome, & Evaluation	<p>5 pts Proposal clearly articulates the organization's vision and criteria for success now and in the future as it relates to the selected strategy. Response includes a description of how the organization is tracking progress toward its goals.</p> <p>2 pts Proposal articulates a limited or partial vision of success related to the selected strategy, with some reference to methods for evaluating progress, but lacks clarity, detail, or an approach to tracking goals.</p>	25%

Be sure to review the descriptions for each question and score in the rubric before writing your responses.

Semifinalist Stage

Expect notification in mid October

Four organizations from **each strategy area** will move forward as semifinalists.

If you are not selected as Semifinalist:

/ You will receive a declination letter via email

If you are selected as a Semifinalist:

- / We'll reach out to let you know you're moving forward
- / Request some additional information – ACH for sending grant funds & some marketing materials (photos, official logo, social media handles, etc.)
- / Schedule your **Virtual Learning Session** based on the availability you provided in your application

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Semifinalist	Semifinalist	Semifinalist	Semifinalist
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Guaranteed \$22,000 in funding

Virtual Learning Sessions

- / If your organization is recommended for funding, you'll be asked to attend a **50-minute Virtual Learning Session** with the committee reviewing your application
- / Questions from the Grants Committee will be shared ahead of time

Sessions will take place
Oct 10–31

Availability

You will submit your availability via an online form in the final question on your application



Reminder!

Please hold potential dates internally with key staff

Finalist Stage

Expect notification in mid November

Once Learning Sessions are completed, Grants Committee meets to discuss and choose **two finalists** in each **strategy area**.

If you are not selected as a Finalist:

- / You will receive a Semifinalist award letter

If you are selected as a Finalist:

- / We'll reach out to let you know you're moving forward and the 'Brief Description' you provided in your application will be used for blind voting to determine top award recipients

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Awarding a total of \$550,000!				

Voting

- / Voting will determine the Winning Finalist and Runner-up Finalist in each strategy area
- / Voting will be conducted without identifying information to curb potential biases
- / Voting will be open to all Hispanic Impact Fund supporters and Community Reviewers



Award Announcement

- / You can expect to hear final funding decisions the **week of November 16**
- / You'll be sent a grant agreement to sign and return
- / We'll request feedback about your participation in the process



Applicant Resources

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Applicant Resources

- / RFP Webinar Recording & Slide Deck
 - / Scoring Rubric
 - / Strategy Statements & Guiding Definitions
 - / ACF Office Hours (*by appointment*)
 - / Technical Writing Assistance (*by approval & appointment*)
- / *These resources can be accessed on the [Hispanic Impact Fund Webpage](#)***

ACF Office Hours

- / ACF Staff will be available for **15-minute** office hours Mondays and Wednesdays from **June 8th to July 29th**
- / Sign up using the Calendly link on our website, available after the webinar
- / Prior to scheduling an appointment, organizations **must have watched the Webinar**

Office Hours can assist with questions about:

- / Organizational Fit
- / Funding Category
- / Eligibility

Sign up using Calendly!

Technical Writing Assistance

- / Two consultants + **English & Spanish** grant writing support!
- / Organizations must attend ACF office hours before signing up for this resource. ⚠️

This resource is intended for:

- First-time applicants
- Organizations without a professional grant writer on staff
- Those with limited grant writing experience
- Smaller organizations with limited paid staff or budgets
- Volunteer-led organizations



Cristina Garza

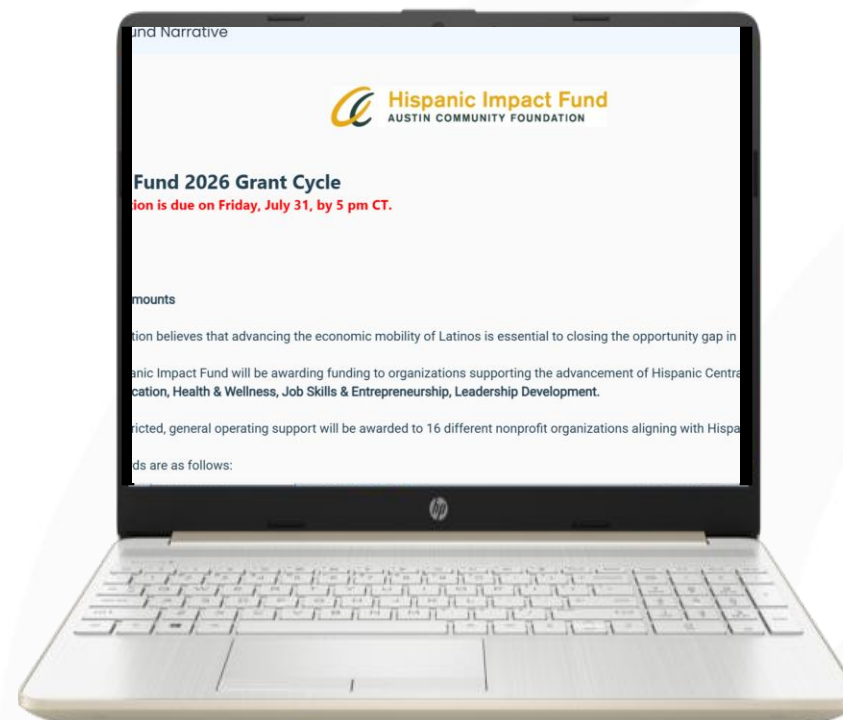


Priscilla Hale

Accessing Technical Writing Support

Once you've attended an office hours appointment with an ACF staff member...

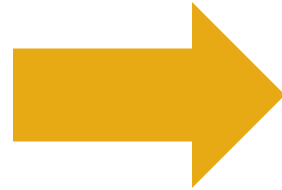
1. Sign up using **Calendly** to meet virtually with one of our grant consultants
2. Send the consultant your draft in a Word document **ahead** of your 1:1 appointment!
3. Attend your scheduled meeting to receive feedback and suggestions



Office Hours vs Technical Assistance

ACF Office Hours

- / Am I eligible to apply?
- / What funding category is best?
- / Available Mondays and Wednesdays, **June 8 – July 29**



Technical Writing Assistance

- / How can we effectively demonstrate our impact in the proposal?
- / How do we strengthen our writing for clarity and conciseness?
- / What strategies can we use to make our narrative more persuasive?
- / **Available June 15 – July 31**

Additional Support Tips

- ★ Recommend adding administrator@grantinterface.com to your safe-contacts list to ensure you receive auto-generated emails from the system
- ★ Reach out to Rachel at rjoachimi@austincf.org at any time with questions or concerns regarding the grant portal or application



Tips

from Themes in 2025 Funded Applications

- / Strong community roots and trust in the Latino Community
 - / Clear understanding of Latino community needs
 - / Culturally responsive program design
 - / Culturally relevant services
 - / Clear and articulated strategy alignment
- / Integrated support and/or wraparound services
 - / Clear program metrics and outcomes
 - / Credible partnerships

FAQs

Hispanic Impact Fund 2026 RFP Release Webinar

Can my organization apply to the Women's Fund as well?



- / Yes! Eligible organizations are welcome to apply to both funds
- / Being awarded funds from one fund will not disqualify you from receiving a grant from the another
- / We recommend reviewing the strategies, requirements, and timelines for each fund to ensure there is alignment with your work and that your organization has capacity to participate in multiple grants cycles simultaneously

How will I know if my application is declined? Can I receive feedback?



- / Declination emails will go out in early October
- / If your application is declined, we provide an opportunity to share feedback about the Grants Cycle process

We don't exclusively serve Hispanic individuals... Can we apply?



- / If your organization doesn't serve at or close to 50% of the populations prioritized by the Hispanic Impact Fund, this might not be the funding opportunity for you
 - / Across 2025 grant partners, the average percent of Hispanic clients served was 69%.*
- / If you are unsure about fit, sign up for Office Hours

Do you have any tips for first-time applicants?



- / We encourage you to review the grant guidelines, scoring rubric, guiding definitions, and requirements early
- / Take care to avoid industry-specific jargon and acronyms when you draft your application
- / Have someone not familiar with your program read your application before submitting. Our Grant Writing Consultants are available to assist you by appointment via Calendly for application review and best tips on completing the application
- / Plan on submitting your application earlier than the deadline so staff can address any last-minute questions you may have

Can we use AI to help with our application?



/ We don't prohibit organizations from using AI tools to help draft or refine proposal responses. Applicants remain fully responsible for the content they submit.

A few things to keep in mind if you do:

- / **Edit heavily.** AI tends to write in generalities. Our reviewers want to hear about your specific programs, your community, and your real outcomes - not a polished but generic description that could apply to any organization.
- / **Check for accuracy.** AI can misstate facts or describe your work in ways that aren't quite right. Read everything carefully.
- / **Write clearly and succinctly.** Our reviewers come from a wide range of backgrounds. Direct, conversational language lands better than formal or jargon-heavy writing.



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Questions?

Still have questions?

- / Sign up for Office Hours!
- / Email impact@austincf.org





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