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## ONE NATION BAY AREA Small Grants Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Questions about applying

##### **Can one organization apply as the lead for two different projects?**

No. An organization can be the lead applicant on only one project, although organizations may be involved in more than one project application.

##### **Can one organization be a partner on multiple projects?**

Yes. However, an organization can be a lead applicant on only one project.

##### **Can organizations that are a collaborative apply for two grants?**

No. One grant for each collaborative project will be accepted.

##### **Can a coalition of organizations apply for funding?**

Yes. A coalition may use a lead organization or a fiscal sponsor to apply for funding. Keep in mind that core operating support for existing coalition work is not encouraged. The purpose of these small grant funds is to seed and support new and emerging relationships and partnerships.

**If there are multiple organizations in one application, do they need to attach the 990s for each one?** No, only the lead organization needs to attach its 990.

##### **If our organization serves multiple counties should we apply for two proposals?**

Only one proposal should be submitted. However, a single proposal can be for a project serving more than one county.

##### **How many organizations are you likely to fund?**

Approximately 25.

##### **Are there any organizational eligibility requirements that would prevent an organization from being considered for a grant (e.g., organizations that have been incorporated for less than a year or have a small budget or staff complement)?**

ONBA does not have any specific eligibility requirements related to budget size, number of staff, or years of operation. However, the process is competitive, and an organization's relevant experience and organizational capacity are examined closely during the review process. Please refer to the Eligibility Criteria section of the RFP guidelines for the complete list of requirements.

**Will you give feedback on a proposal?**

Once a proposal is submitted, it is considered your formal application, and no feedback will be offered. However, please contact us with proposal ideas or questions *before* you submit a proposal, and we will give you feedback. Our goal is to respond to you within 24-48 hours. Please do not wait until a few days before the deadline to contact us, as we expect a high volume of inquiries so may not be able to respond to you before the deadline time.

**Questions about the program**

**What do you mean by American Muslim?** We know that the Bay Area Muslim community is diverse. We use the term American Muslim to include projects that will reach residents and communities that self-identify culturally and/or spiritually.

**What do you mean by collaboration?**

We are using that term to describe at least two groups coming together to work on a common issue or project. We are looking for collaborations that reflect natural connections or alignment between missions or interests.

**Will you assess the individual collaborating partners?**

Proposals will be assessed competitively. Among the factors that will be considered are the articulation of the community need, the approach to address the need, and the ability of the partnership to address and implement the approach.

**Would you consider funding trainings for several Muslim organizations?**

Under the terms of the agreement with the One Nation Foundation, this is not a Muslim organization capacity-building project. However, we will consider projects that aim to promote and deepen civic engagement within the Muslim community that include collaboration/partnership between Muslim and non-Muslim organizations.

**Will you make core support grants?**

No.

**Questions about budgets**

**Will you support administrative costs?**

Yes. Administrative fees will be covered up to 15% of the requested amount.

**Can we request funding for more than \$10,000?**

No. Requests over \$10,000 will not be considered.

**Is the organizational budget required to be based on our current fiscal year or a projection of the upcoming year?**

You may base it on either, but if you anticipate a significant change in your organization's overall budget going forward—whether higher or lower—you should include the projected budget and explain the anticipated change in the budget narrative.