



RICHMOND THRIVES GRANTS PROGRAM

FAQs (Updated 7/31/26)

Q: Where can we find the application(s)?

A: Applications are managed separately by each priority area's grantmaker. Links for all four priority areas will be accessible on the City's Richmond Thrives Grants Program page as they become available.

Q: What is the project period for the grant cycle?

A: In most cases, the project period for FY27 grants distributed by the grantmakers will be January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

Can we apply with a fiscal sponsor?

A: Yes

Q: Can our organization apply to more than one priority area, or submit more than one application within the same priority area?

A: No. Each organization may apply to only one of the four priority areas per annual cycle, and may submit only one application to that priority area. The exception is for fiscal sponsors (see below).

Q: We are a fiscal sponsor for another organization/project that also wants to apply — is that allowed?

A: Yes. An organization serving as a fiscal sponsor may submit a second application on behalf of a sponsored project, in addition to its own application, provided the fiscal sponsor does not receive any funding through the fiscally sponsored proposal — other than fees for fiscal sponsorship services under a fiscal sponsorship agreement already in place with the sponsored project.

Q: Are these grants open only to nonprofits?

A: Yes.

Q: If our organization already receives funding from the City for a specific program or service, does that make us ineligible to apply for these grants?

A: While you may not apply for a project that is already funded by the City through another funding opportunity or agreement (e.g., CDBG funds from Housing and Community Development, Positive Youth Development Fund through NextUp, etc.), your organization may apply to one of the four priority areas for a different program.

Q: How do we determine which priority area is the best fit for our organization?

A: Each priority area will publish guidelines that describe the focus areas, goals, and eligible activities in more detail. Reviewing the grantmaker's guidelines and information is the best way to confirm fit before applying.

Slides 5-8 in the info session slide deck, available on the [Richmond Thrives Grants Page](#), shows the framework given to each grantmaker outlining the City's vision for each priority area. Grantmakers used these documents when development guidelines and application materials. They provide a helpful overview of how the City's priority areas align with the Mayoral Action Plan and offer insights into the type of work being funded in each priority area. However, applicants should consult grantmaker guidelines when making final determinations about where to apply.

Q: What is the total funding available for each category, and what are the expected award ranges or maximum request amounts for each grantmaker?

A: Award ranges and maximums will vary by priority area. Please consult grantmaker materials. Approximate total funds available for these four opportunities are as follows:

- Arts & Culture - \$520,000
- Children & Families - \$563,000
- Economic Mobility- \$1,300,000, and
- Health - \$1,040,000.

Q: What if I already receive a grant from the grantmaker administering this process — will I still be eligible?

A: This is City money being administered through a new, separate competitive process. It is not the same as the grantmaker's own funding opportunities. Receiving non-City grants from one of our three grantmaking partners does not impact eligibility for a Richmond Thrives Grant in any priority area.

Q: What if I previously applied to the grantmaker and was rejected or was ineligible for previous opportunities from this grantmaker— can I still apply?

A: A prior rejection from the grantmaker's own grant programs should not affect your eligibility for this City-funded opportunity. All applications will be evaluated on their merits against the published guidelines and scoring criteria for this grant cycle.

Q: We're based outside the City of Richmond but serve City residents — are we eligible?

A: Verified service delivery to Richmond residents is a core eligibility requirement across all priority areas. Organizations do not necessarily need to be headquartered within City limits, but must demonstrate that their programs meaningfully serve Richmond residents. Geographic eligibility details will be specified in the grantmaker guidelines.

Q: Can we request general operating support, or does the money have to fund a specific program?

A: Grants in all priority areas except Arts and Culture are for program support. Arts and Culture grants are for operating support.

Q: How is the money disbursed — in one lump sum or in installments?

A: The answer may vary by grantmaker and award size.