

## NECN 2024 Grants Program

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** How do I submit the grant application?

**Answer:** The application can be completed online [here](#). Otherwise, please contact us so that we can send you a fillable file. The application may also be sent via email to [admincoordinator@necoalition.org](mailto:admincoordinator@necoalition.org) or submitted by mail to:

NECN  
4815 NE 7th Avenue  
Portland OR 97211

**Question:** What is the process for evaluating the grants applications?

**Answer:** All eligible applications will be reviewed and scored by a grants evaluation committee. Committee members will convene and make final considerations regarding grant recipients.

**Question:** Can the project application include participants who do not live within the NECN service area?

**Answer:** The program or project must take place within the 12 neighborhoods that comprise the service area (see map in application guide). The intent of the grant is to fund projects that would primarily benefit residents of inner North/Northeast Portland.

**Question:** What happens if the program/project budget is less than the established grant award amount?

**Answer:** The grants evaluation committee will consider requests of any amount less than the established grant award. It is expected that the application budget will accurately reflect program/project expenses, as reflected in the narrative portion of the application.

**Question:** How do you define “historically underrepresented or under-engaged communities”?

**Answer:** We define historically underrepresented and underserved community organizations as those primarily led by and/or involving people of color, displaced communities, low-income individuals and families, youth, elders, people with disabilities, various gender representations and sexual orientations.

**Question:** Is it possible to apply for more than one grant during the same grant cycle?

**Answer:** No – NECN will only fund one grant proposal per applicant per grant cycle. NECN will not fund proposals that have already received grant funding within the previous two consecutive years.

**Question:** Does the grant cover “general operating” expenses?

**Answer:** No. Grants cannot be used for ongoing general organizational support such as rent or utilities. Please refer to the eligible and ineligible costs section of application guide for specifics. Contact the grants coordinator if you are unsure about the eligibility of costs.

**Question:** What is the timeline involved? When can grantees expect to receive notification and checks?

**Answer:**

Application opens Friday, May 3, 2024 at 12pm

Application closes Monday, June 3, 2024 by 11:59pm.

NECN Board votes on grants by June 21, 2024

Awarded funds will be made available by July 15, 2024.

Projects must be completed and funds spent by October 15, 2024.

Final Report and supporting documentation due by November 1, 2024

**Question:** What if the grant applicant is not a nonprofit and does not have a fiscal sponsor?

**Answer:** NECN does provide fiscal sponsorship opportunities for successful applicants, as well as referrals to other organizations providing fiscal sponsorship. If the applicant is applying for NECN fiscal sponsorship in conjunction with our grant application, the fiscal sponsorship application will be pending until final awards are determined. The fiscal sponsorship agreement will apply only to the project for which the grant has been awarded.

**Question:** Can an individual apply for the grant?

**Answer:** Individual applicants will need to find an appropriate partner in order to be considered eligible to apply (see “Eligible Applicants” in the application guide). NECN will provide assistance with finding community partners, if needed.

For any other questions, contact the Grants Administrator at [admincoordinator@necoalition.org](mailto:admincoordinator@necoalition.org)

