

# Grant Information Session

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Community  
Foundation  
Greater Flint



For good. For ever.  
For everyone.



# Grant Session Goals

- Share an overview of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint
- Share an overview of our grantmaking process including changes for 2026
- Provide organizations with information and tools to submit applications
- Answer questions



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**The Community Foundation of Greater Flint brings people together, connecting generosity to community-led solutions that help Genesee County thrive.  
For good. Forever. For everyone.**





# Community Foundation Overview

- **Growing the Community's Resources**
  - Unique giving options to meet charitable interests, with a focus on growing endowments to serve the needs of today and future generations.
- **Community Leadership**
  - Acting as a community catalyst for change by utilizing relationships and partnerships.
- **Grantmaking**
  - Fund a broad range of projects, programs, and organizations – large and small—in alignment with our focus areas.

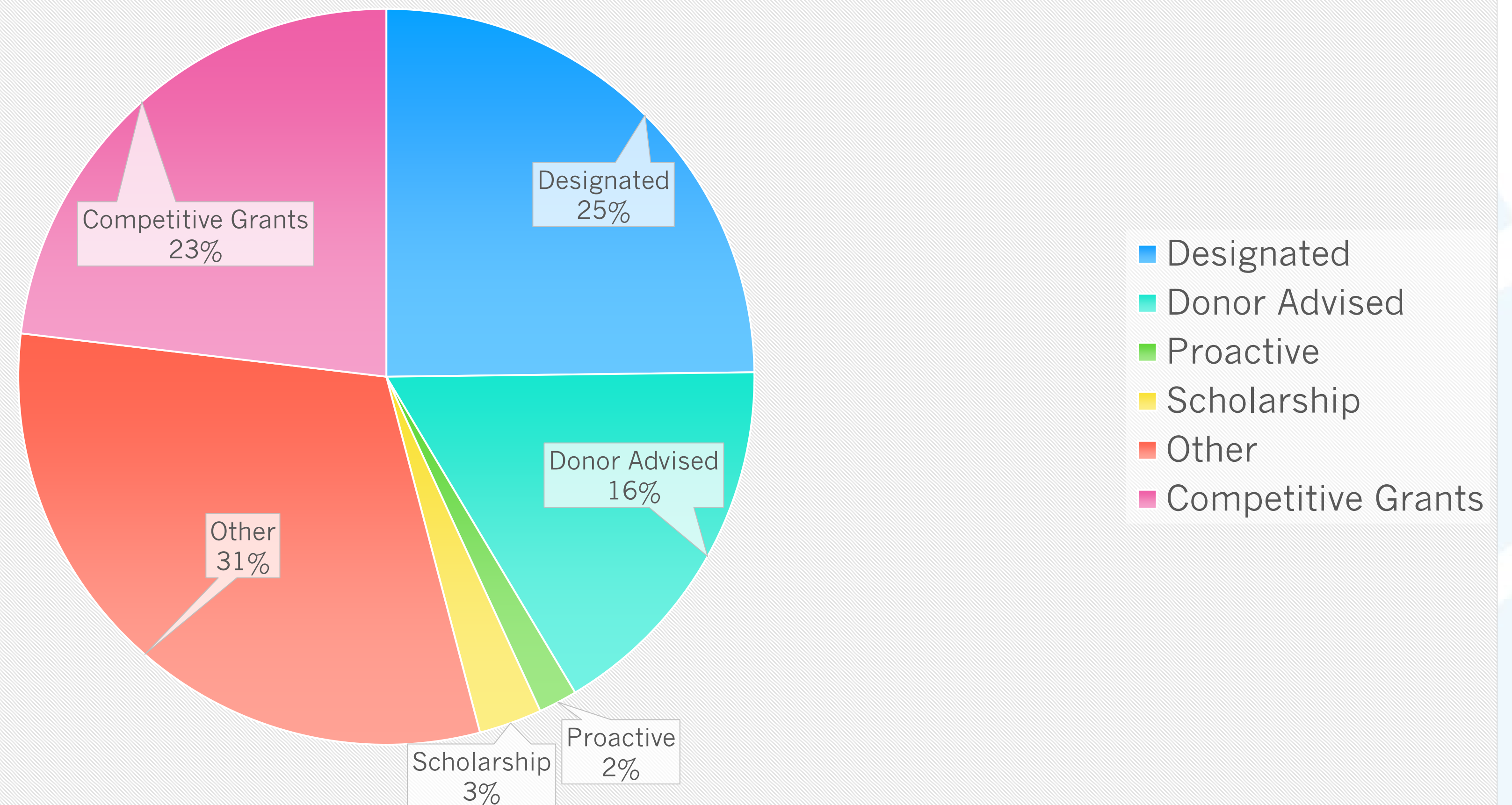


# Foundation Facts

- **564** Funds
- **35,000+** Donors
- **240** Volunteers
- **\$17.9m** in Grants for 2024
- **\$205m** in Grants since 1988

# 2024 Grantmaking

Grant Awards by Type



# 2024 Competitive Grantmaking

Funding Requested	\$4,891,984
Funding Approved	\$3,810,196
% of Request Approved	63%
Avg Grant Amount	\$18,144



# 2026-2028 Strategic Plan

## Focus Areas



Our mission and vision come to life through the focus areas that guide this strategic plan. These priorities shape how we invest resources, build partnerships, and measure progress in the years ahead.



# Focus Areas

- **Civic Health:** Strengthening trust, participation, and connection so communities shape their own futures
- **Economic Mobility:** Expanding access to opportunity and pathways to long-term financial stability
- **Health Equity:** Advancing fair access to physical, mental, and environmental health for all
- **Quality Education:** Supporting learning opportunities that help people thrive at every stage of life
- **Vibrant Communities:** Investing in places, culture, and systems that make Genesee County a place where everyone belongs



# Unique Funding Areas

arts and culture access in Flint

**animal welfare**

community event sponsorships

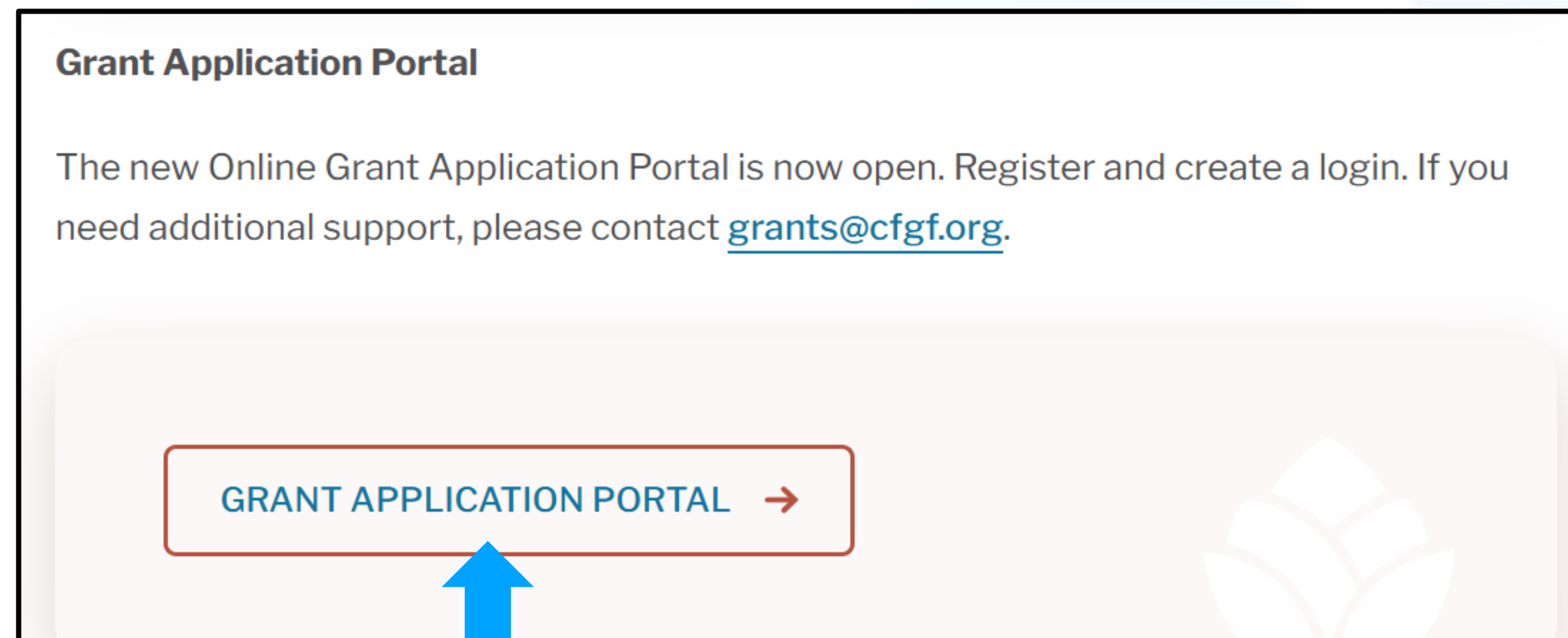
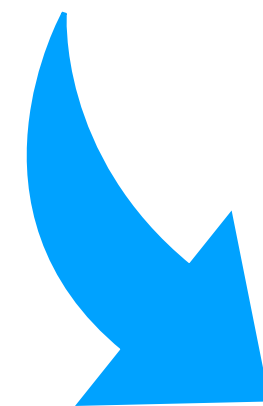
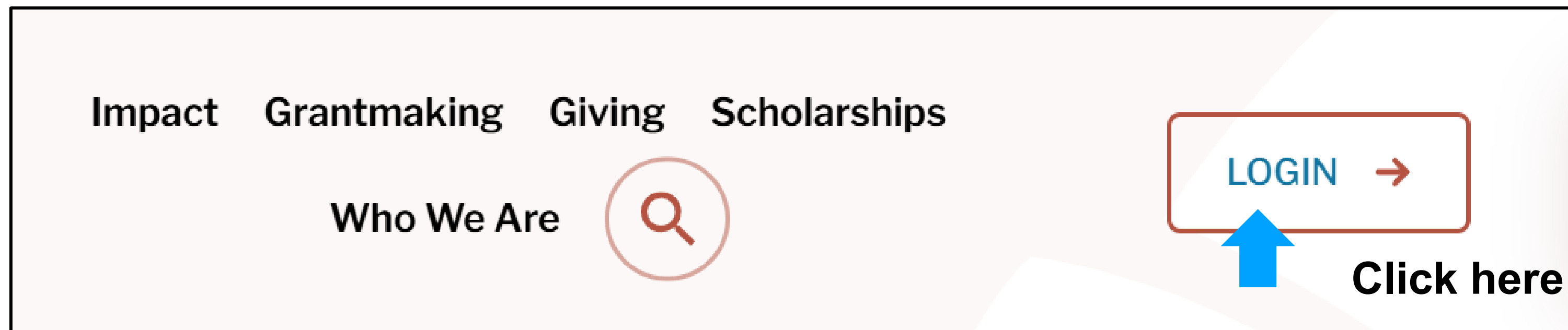
racial healing

LGBTQIA2S+  
Community support

**Do you have a unique  
funding need? Talk  
with a program  
officer!**

# New Grant Portal

Visit the CFGF website, [www.cfgf.org](http://www.cfgf.org)



Click here



# Register and Create a Login

## Logon

Email Address\*

Password\*

[Log On](#) [Create New Account](#)

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Welcome to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint's Online Portal.

New Users: Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials.

Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password?" link to the left to reset your password.

Not Sure? If you think that you or someone at your organization has already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact our Administrator at [grants@cfgf.org](mailto:grants@cfgf.org) to receive your username.

 **Click here**

# Register and Create a Login

⚠ Using the browser's back button will delete your registration information.

ℹ This registration process has multiple steps you must complete before you can apply.

Fields with an asterisk (\*) are required.

### Organization Information

<b>Organization Name*</b> If you are using a fiscal sponsor, enter your organization's name. You will enter your fiscal sponsor's name and information in the request.	<b>EIN / Tax ID (##-#####)*</b> If you are using a fiscal sponsor, enter your organization's EIN. If you do not have an EIN, enter 00-0000000.
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Web Site</b>	<b>Telephone Number (###-###-####)*</b>
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<b>State*</b>	<b>Postal Code*</b>
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Next >

If another staff person at your organization has already created an organization profile, you will be notified the organization exists in the system and be prompted to contact [grants@cfgf.org](mailto:grants@cfgf.org) for your login credentials



# Nonprofit Dashboard

Community Foundation  
Greater Flint

SANDBOX

APPLY

KAYLA BROOKS

SEE OPPORTUNITIES

ASSIGNED TO YOU (0)

UPCOMING (0)

Midwest Food Bank NFP

Action Needed (0)

No Action (0)

Completed (0) | Historical (1)

Search

Click here

# Midwest Food Bank NFP

Search



## CFGF 2026 General Grant Application

The General Grant Application serves as the entry point for most funding requests and provides the essential information needed to evaluate proposals across our diverse grant programs. This single application includes special grant programs such as the Flint Kids Fund, Geographic Affiliate Funds, and Youth Programs; if your project aligns with these specific priorities, you can simply opt-in within this form. Additional applications exist for our Flint Women and Girls Fund and

See More



Closes  
03/02/2026

Preview

Apply

Flint Women  
& Girls Fund



## Flint Women and Girls Fund 2026 V2

The Flint Women and Girls Fund supports programs that encourage the advancement and full participation of women and girls in society by promoting the removal of barriers to their economic, educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic, and personal growth.

- Contact [Chakara Wheeler, Program Officer](#), to schedule a pre-application

See More



Opens  
02/02/2026

Preview



# New Features: Fiscal Sponsors

**Are you initiating this application as a fiscal sponsor for another group?\***

Select "Yes" if your organization is serving as a *fiscal sponsor* for another group, project, or initiative that does not have its own 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Fiscal sponsors accept and manage grant funds on behalf of the sponsored group, ensuring proper financial oversight and compliance with grant requirements. **If you are applying directly on behalf of your own organization (not as a fiscal sponsor), select "No."**

☒ Yes

☐ No

## ▼ Fiscal Sponsors – Add Collaborators

**This section applies only to organizations initiating this application acting in the role of fiscal sponsor for another group or agency.**

Use the Collaborator Tool to invite a contact from the group or agency you are acting as the fiscal sponsor for to complete sections of the application. You can add more than one collaborator and manage the collaborator view/permissions after the collaborator(s) has been invited. Collaborators will not be required to complete a full registration process to contribute to the application using this feature, however they will have a dashboard where they can access applications they have been invited to.

View this tutorial to learn more: <https://support.foundant.com/hc/en-us/articles/4523887747223-Applicant-Tutorial-Collaboration>

# New Features: Fiscal Sponsors

## ✓ Sponsored Organization Information and Background

This section is to be completed by groups, projects, or initiatives that do not have their own 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and are using a fiscal sponsor to apply for grant funding.

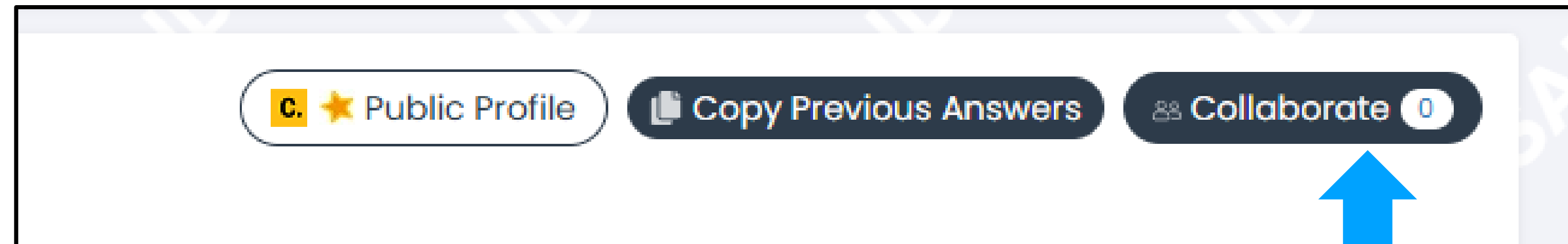
If this application was initiated by your fiscal sponsor and you were added as a collaborator, please enter the requested details for your group, project, or initiative in the fields below.

Sponsored Organizations will be asked to provide the following:

- Organization/group Name
- Organization/group mailing address
- Primary contact person information
- Organization/group background and recent changes



# New Features: Collaborators



Click here

Collaborate

Invite someone

Email Address

Email address / username of the person you are inviting

☒ None

☐ Can view

☒ Can edit

☐ Can submit

Message

This message from you will be included in the email that is sent to the person you are inviting

Cancel

Invite



# Additional New Features

- **Auto Save.** The new portal will auto-save your work every 100 characters you type and when you click out of a question.
- **Documentation.** Grant agreements and reports will be on the grant portal. You'll receive prompts and reminders to complete documentation in the system.
- **Copy and Paste.** In some instances, you may be able to copy answers from other grant applications you've previously submitted in the grant portal.





# 2026 Application Due Dates

## **March 2 Application Due Date:**

- General application for requests aligned with CFGF Focus Areas.
- Special Grant Programs:
  - Flint Kids Fund
  - Geographic Affiliate Funds
  - Youth Programs/Youth Advisory Committees

## **March 9 Application Due Date:**

- Neighborhood Small Grants Program

## **April 16 Application Due Date:**

- Flint Women and Girls Fund

# Grant Application and Review Process

- **Step 1:** Talk to a Program Officer. Not sure who to talk with? Call the main office at 810.767.8270 or email [grants@cfgf.org](mailto:grants@cfgf.org)
- **Step 2:** Register, create login credentials, and complete the online application
- **Step 3:** Review of Application
- **Step 4:** Final Funding Decision





# Advice for Building a Strong Application

- Answer the questions directly and concisely.
- Be specific about how you will address the community need.
- Make sure your budget supports your narrative.
- Share Letters of Support from key partners, if applicable.

# Grant Award Process

- **Grant Agreement**
  - Depending on the award amount or type of project, you may be required to sign a grant agreement before payment.
- **Grant Award Letter**
  - Includes similar information in the grant agreement but does not require a signature for payment.
- **EFT Authorization Form**
  - We now offer Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) payment. If you'd like to receive grant payments via EFT, you'll need to complete the form and return it to [grants@cfigf.org](mailto:grants@cfigf.org).



# Communicating Your Grant Award

We believe in sharing this good news with the public!

To support your communications, we've created the [Community Partner Promotional Guide](#), which includes press release examples, sample social posts, logo use guidelines, and more!

Questions? Contact Alex Dawson, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, at [adawson@cfgf.org](mailto:adawson@cfgf.org)





# Grant Requirements - Reporting

- Final Reports are due **30 days following** the end of your grant period, if applicable.
- CFGF is transitioning our grant reporting to the new grant portal system and will share more about access to reporting in late **Spring 2026**.



# Grant Requirements – Site Visits

If a site visit is not requested, but you'd like to schedule a site visit with CFGF, please contact your Program Officer. We are always happy to see your work in action!



# Grant-Related Questions

**For more information:**

Website: [www.cfgf.org](http://www.cfgf.org)

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