

2026–2027 Trusted Response Fund Phase II FAQ



GENERAL SUBMISSIONS

Can my organization submit multiple applications?

No. We ask that each organization prioritize their chosen project/strategy and submit one application on behalf of the organization. Each EIN is limited to one submission, unless, the organization is also submitting on behalf of a collaborative (see more below).

Can my organization and a subsidiary of the same organization submit multiple applications?

Yes. As long as each entity has a separate EIN.

What is LVCF defining as a critical community need?

For the purpose of this fund, we are not defining this. We look to you as the applicant to tell us what you've identified as a critical need based on your mission area(s), organizational context, experience, and expertise. No matter your mission, if you are building toward solutions as funding and policy landscapes keep shifting, we invite you to apply and share your work with us.

Can I submit a proposal for general operating dollars?

No. Requests for general operating funding are ineligible under this fund.

COLLABORATION

If you choose to submit on behalf of a collaborative, who submits?

One organization will need to be identified by the collaborative as the applicant and submit on behalf of the whole group.

Can an organization submit on behalf of a collaborative and their own organizational project?

Yes, if you are the leading organization for a collaborative submission, you can also submit an individual application.

Can a larger amount be requested if I submit on behalf of a collaborative?

No, grants can be requested within the range of \$20,000 to \$40,000 for all applicants' submissions.

How can I invite collaborators who are not from our organization to contribute to the application?

Our grants portal, Foundant, has the ability for an applicant to invite collaborators to support the application. These collaborators can be internal or external to your organization. You can find [more information about this process here](#).

EVALUATION

What will the evaluators be prioritizing?

All information about evaluator priorities and evaluation criteria can be found on our website: <https://lvcfgrants.org/trusted-response-fund>

REPORTING

What will the reporting requirements be?

The report will be assigned and available for review upon notification of award.

WHAT'S CHANGED THIS YEAR?

This year, the Trusted Response Fund: Phase II is focusing on catalytic funding, meant to provide the resources for change rather than cover day-to-day cost. We aim to support organizations that have been the most impacted by funding and policy shifts. The 2026-27 grant cycle will plan to award higher grant amounts to a select set of organizations that need catalytic funds to drive impact. Our aim is to fund the work that allows organizations to adapt in the current moment, helping nonprofits build toward solutions as the external context keeps shifting.

In alignment with these changes, we are increasing the grant range to \$20,000 - \$40,000.

We have added and adapted a few questions that will further clarify how an applicant's proposed project or strategy is aligned with our updated funding priorities.