

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) — 2026 Grant Programs

The Community Foundation of Greater Flint (CFGF) provides the following frequently asked questions to support organizations and community partners applying for funding.

### Program Officers and Focus Areas

Program Officer	Focus Area
<a href="#">Jen Farrington</a>	Scholarships, Geographic Affiliate Funds
<a href="#">Damon Ross</a>	Neighborhood Small Grants Program, Vibrant Communities, Civic Engagement
<a href="#">Chakara Wheeler</a>	Flint Women and Girls Fund, Youth, Youth Advisory Committees, Education
<a href="#">Lydia Starrs</a>	Health Equity, Flint Kids Fund
<a href="#">Lynn Williams</a>	Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation, Basic Needs, Economic Mobility

### What are the due dates to apply?

Due dates vary by grant program. Visit the [Apply for Funding](#) page on our website for current opportunities and timelines.

#### Key 2026 Due Dates:

**March 2** — General application aligned with CFGF focus areas; Flint Kids Fund; Geographic Affiliate Funds; Youth and Youth Advisory Committees.

**March 9** — Neighborhoods Small Grants Program.

**April 16** — Flint Women and Girls Fund.

### How do I register my organization and access the grant application portal?

Go to the [Community Foundation website](#), select **Login** (top right corner), and click **Grant Application Portal**.

Create a new account. All organizations and users must register for the new portal; login credentials created before 2026 will no longer work.

If your organization is already registered, email <mailto:grants@cfgf.org> with your name, job title, and phone number. Our staff will assist you.

Refer to the [How to Access and Register for the New Grant Portal: A Step-by-Step Guide](#) for detailed instructions.

## What if I forgot my password?

Go to the [grant portal login page](#), enter your email or username, and select *Forgot Your Password*. You will receive an email with instructions to create a new password.

## My username and password are not working. What should I do?

CFGF has transitioned to a new grant application portal. All users must re-register.

Visit [cfgf.org/who-we-are/login](http://cfgf.org/who-we-are/login), select Grant Application Portal, and follow the instructions in the How-To guide.

If you need documents or data from the previous portal, contact [grants@cfgf.org](mailto:grants@cfgf.org).

## What is a Secure Connection Error?



This site can't provide a secure connection

grantinterface.com sent an invalid response.

Try running Windows Network Diagnostics.

ERR\_SSL\_PROTOCOL\_ERROR

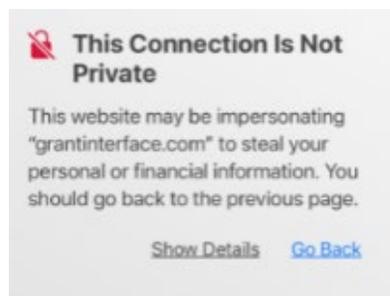
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This error typically results from a firewall restriction or link redirect issue.

Try copying and pasting this direct link into your browser:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfgf>

If the issue continues, your organization's IT administrator may need to approve access within firewall settings.

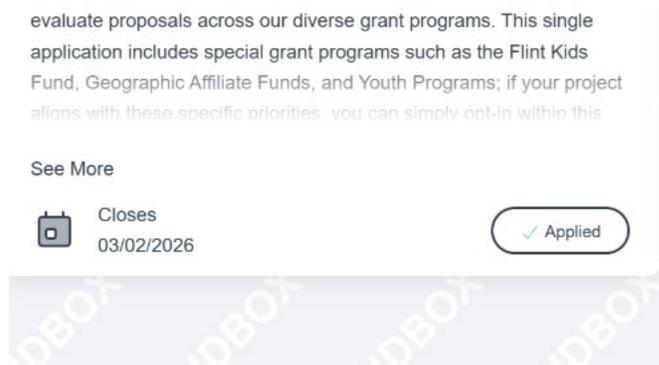


## What does "Connection Is Not Private" mean?

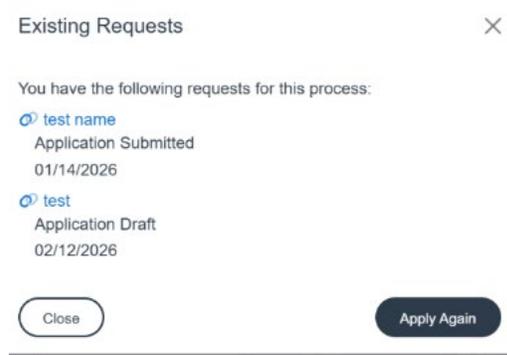
This message is a browser-related warning and is not an issue with the grant portal itself. In most cases, you can view details in your browser and proceed safely.

## Can I submit more than one application at a time?

Yes, when you've started an application or submitted one, the opportunities dashboard will change and application apply button will convert to "Applied." See below.



If you clicked "applied" a message screen will appear (see example below):



## Who can apply for funding?

- For most grant programs, **organizations must be recognized as 501(c)(3) public charities by the IRS and serve Genesee County residents** to apply for funding.
- Governmental organizations and religious organizations are considered charitable and can apply.
- *Organizations without public charity status may apply through a fiscal sponsor.*
- Organizations do not have to be located in Genesee County, but their program or project must have benefit to Genesee County residents.
- Those applying *must provide evidence that their practices in hiring and providing services are consistent with the Community Foundation's policy.*

Citizen-based groups working in moderate- to low-income neighborhoods near the city of Flint may be eligible for Neighborhoods Small Grants Program funding without 501(c)(3) status.

### **What happens if I apply after the grant due date?**

If you submit an application after the due date, we will withdraw it or move it to the next grant cycle, when applicable.

### **How many applications can my organization submit?**

Organizations should submit one unique application per grant program. Contact a program officer before submitting multiple applications.

### **Should I request funding from a specific fund?**

Selecting a specific fund may unintentionally limit available funding opportunities.

Choose the grant programs and priorities that best align with your project, and staff will determine appropriate funding sources.

### **When will I be notified about a funding decision?**

In most cases, applicants are notified within three months of the grant due date. Volunteer advisory committees review many applications, which may affect timelines.

### **How will I receive notification of a funding decision?**

We will notify you by email when a funding decision is made. You may also check your status in the grant portal.

Typically, the executive officer listed in your organization's profile receives the notification.

## **What We Support**

The Community Foundation of Greater Flint provides grant support to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations whose projects align with funding priorities and benefit Genesee County residents.

## **What We Don't Fund**

The Community Foundation of Greater Flint does not make discretionary grants to organizations that discriminate based on ethnicity, race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, economic circumstance, physical or mental ability, or marital status.

Additionally, CFGF does not fund: Individuals (except scholarships); Religious activities; Building or land purchases; Loans, debt reduction, or annual appeals.