



Community Grants

2026 RFP

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Agenda

- Funding overview
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- Eligibility requirements and ineligible uses
- Application walkthrough, review process, and required attachments
- Questions and answers

Funding Overview

Total funding available

\$125,000

Competitive grant pool

Award range

\$5,000 to \$15,000

per organization

Support type

Program

Program specific
support

Grant period

Oct. 2026–Mar. 2027

Funds must be fully
spent

- Request amount should be based on program need that will happen between October 2026 and March 2027.
- This opportunity provides funding for a specific project or program.

Who is this Opportunity Intended to Serve?

Community Grants will only support organizations that:

- Address the physical, social, environmental and emotional needs of our most vulnerable populations, in targeted communities, to move them out of poverty and assist them to live with dignity.

and/or

- Foster revitalization of eligible areas in Westmoreland County

Who is this Opportunity Intended to Serve?

Eligibility is grounded in both ALICE data and 225% of the federal poverty level.

- 43 communities with 39% or more households living at or below ALICE threshold
- Individuals in the 43 targeted communities who live below 225% of the federal poverty level.

Eligibility and Ineligible Uses

Who may apply

- 501(c)(3) nonprofits
- Community development corporations
- Faith-based organizations
- Civic or community groups
- Neighborhood organizations
- Government entities

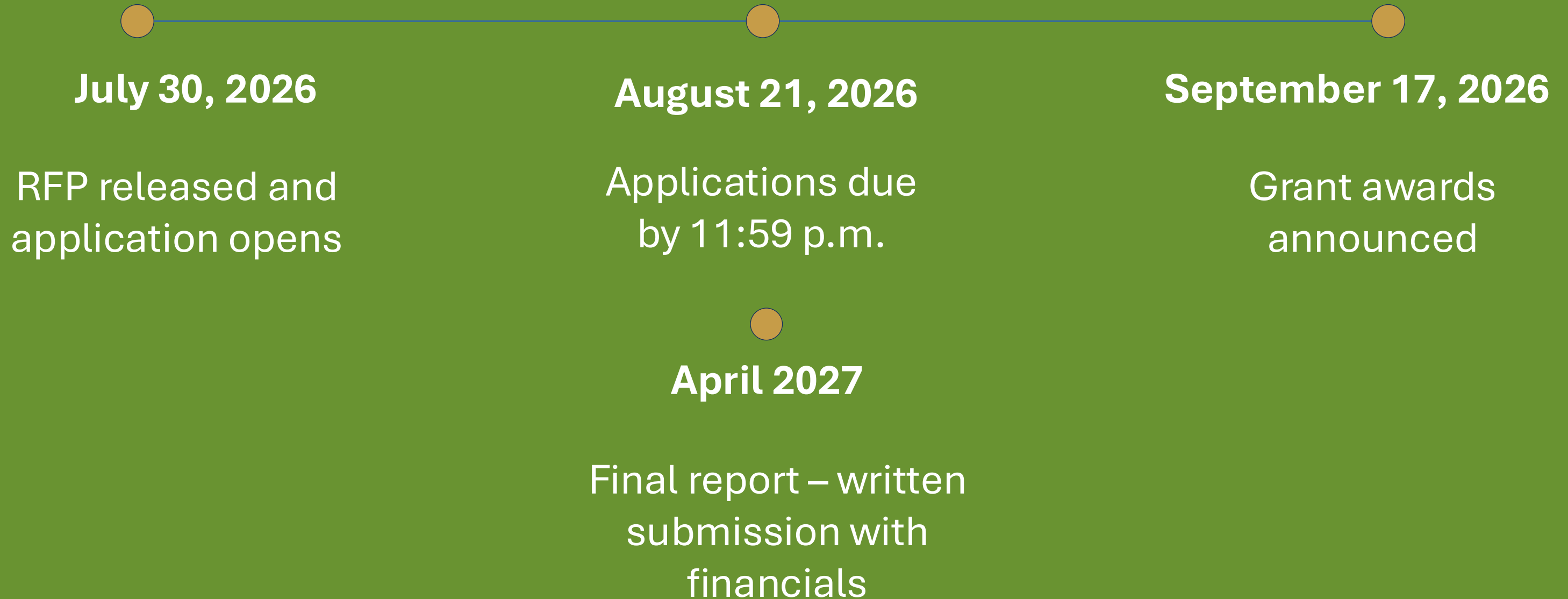
Funds cannot support

- Capital campaigns
- Endowments
- Fundraising events
- Lobbying or grassroots organizing
- Staff support for government
- Scholarships

Limitations for Eligibility

- Organizations that received an Impact Grant in 2026 are NOT eligible for funding during this round.
- Organization must be headquartered in Westmoreland County.
- Organization must be in operation for more than three years (IRS determination after July 2023 are not eligible).
- Requested funds must be spent within the grant period (October 2026 to March 2027).

Key Dates and Deadlines



Application walkthrough

Narrative

- Mission and organization basics
- Description of key services and populations served
- Opportunity this funding will address between October 2026 and March 2027, and why action is needed now
- Key activities and timeline

Financials and Attachments

- Board-approved operating budget
- Program budget and request amount
- Audit, financial review, or Form 990
- Most recent balance sheet
- Board roster

How will Applications be Evaluated?

- Alignment with the target population and communities identified in the RFP
- Use of data to demonstrate need
- Urgency of the project/program need between Oct 2026 and Mar 2027
- Feasibility of the project/program design, including clear objectives, activities and timeline
- Program / project budget aligns with the requested funds and proposed activities

Review scale: four rating levels

1 | Insufficient

Missing, unclear, or does not meaningfully address the criterion.

2 | Developing

Some relevant information, but major gaps or weak alignment remain.

3 | Well Defined

Clear and competitive response with appropriate detail.

4 | Exceptional

Highly detailed, compelling, and clearly aligned response.

Key Information to Include

- Data to support alignment with target population and communities
- Clear indication of the timing of the program/project and need
- Realistic implementation plan that details objectives, activities and timeline
- Detailed program/project budget

Application Process

If you do not already have a user profile, you must create one to use the application portal.

The screenshot displays the homepage of the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County. The browser's address bar shows the URL cfwestmoreland.org. The website's header includes the organization's logo on the left and navigation links for Donor Login, Grantee Login, Professional Advisors, and Scholarships on the right. A main navigation bar contains links for Giving, Grantmaking, Community Leadership, About, and News & Events. A dropdown menu is open under the Grantmaking link, showing options for How to Apply, Funding Priorities, and Grant Reporting. The main content area features a large banner with a scenic view of a city and the text "The Power to Make a Difference". A "LEARN MORE" button is located at the bottom left of the banner. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 8:41 PM on 9/27/2022.

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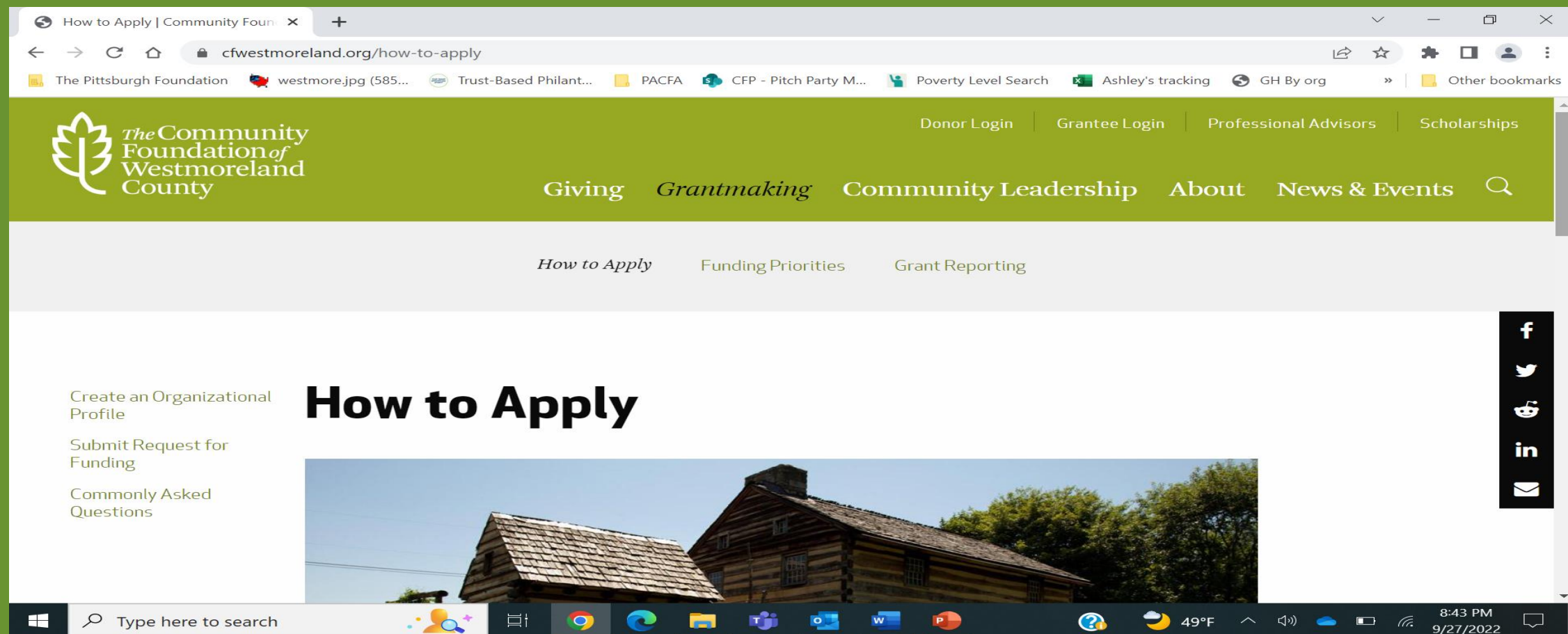
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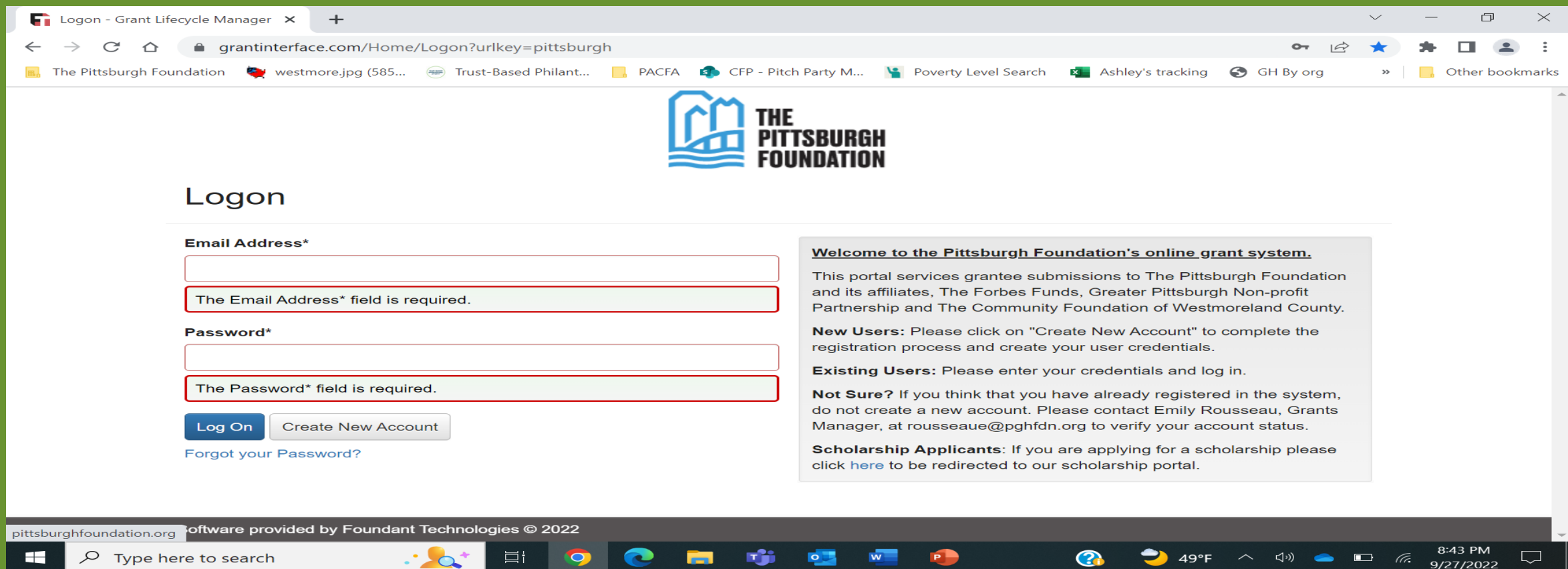
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If you already have a profile you can log in



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Welcome to the Pittsburgh Foundation's online grant system.

This portal services grantee submissions to The Pittsburgh Foundation and its affiliates, The Forbes Funds, Greater Pittsburgh Non-profit Partnership and The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County.

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

Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in.

Not Sure? If you think that you have already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact Emily Rousseau, Grants Manager, at rousseau@pghfdn.org to verify your account status.

Scholarship Applicants: If you are applying for a scholarship please click [here](#) to be redirected to our scholarship portal.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer that reads "pittsburghfoundation.org software provided by Foundant Technologies © 2022". The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen, showing the time as 8:43 PM on 9/27/2022.

Questions and support

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