



Impact Grants

2026 RFP

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Agenda

- Funding overview
- Who this opportunity is intended to serve
- Eligibility requirements and ineligible uses
- Application walkthrough, review process, and required attachments
- Questions and answers

Funding Overview

Total funding available

\$450,000

Competitive grant pool

Award range

\$50,000–\$75,000

per organization

Support type

General operating

Unrestricted support

Grant period

Jul. 2026–Dec. 2027

Funds must be fully spent

- Request amount should be based on organizational budget, organizational needs, community needs, and capacity to manage the grant.
- This opportunity provides general operating support rather than funding for a specific project or program.

Who is this Opportunity Intended to Serve?

Impact 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

Funds cannot support

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

Must be in operation and actively serving the community for at least three years

Key Dates and Deadlines



Application walkthrough

Narrative

- Mission and organization basics
- Description of key services and populations served
- Statement of need and organizational fit
- Impact, outcomes, and success stories
- Strategic goals, challenges, and future support plan

Financials and Attachments

- Board-approved operating budget
- Budget narrative and request amount
- Audit, financial review, or Form 990
- Most recent balance sheet
- Board roster and optional support letters

How will Applications be Evaluated?

- Alignment with the target population and communities identified in the RFP
- Demonstration that the organization's programs and services meet community or population needs
- Use of data to demonstrate need
- Track record of success and impact
- Organizational budget and justification align with the request
- Clear connection between grant support and strategic goals
- Plan for reducing reliance on this funding in the future

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

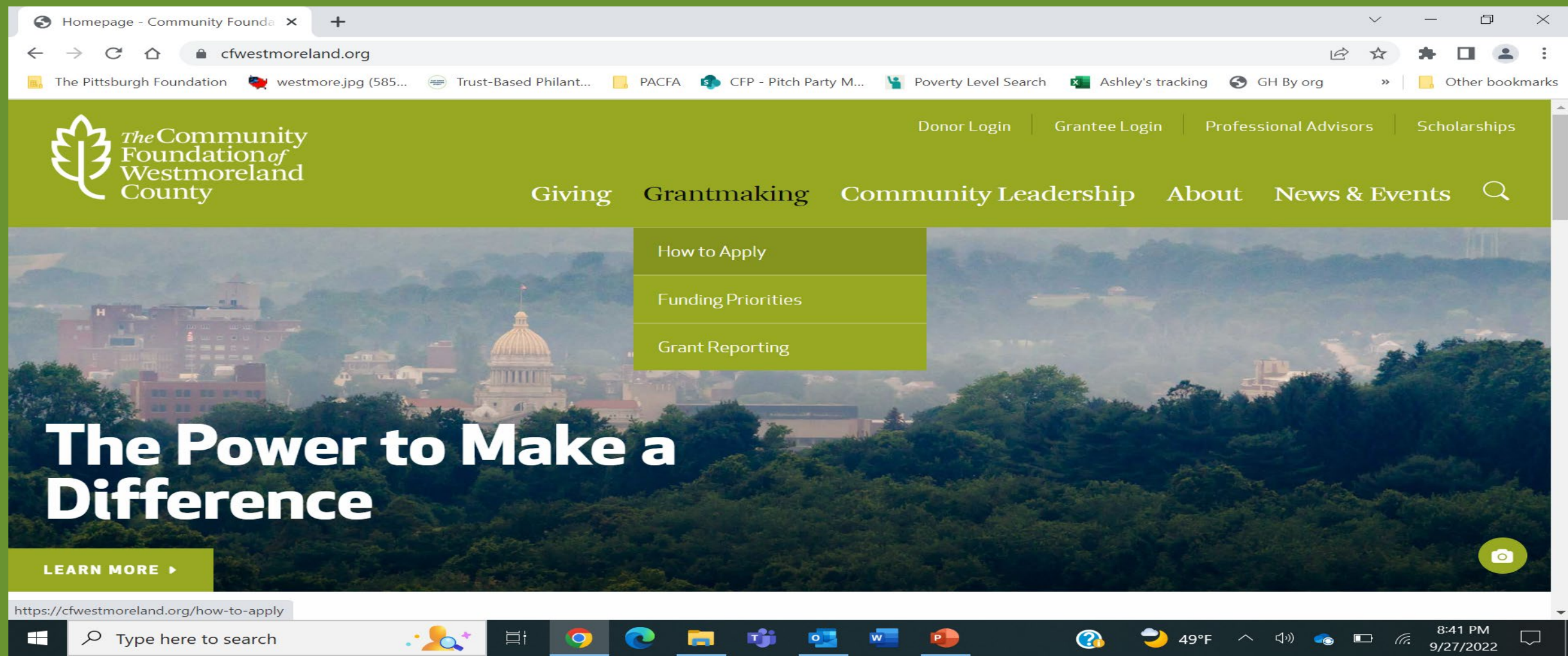
Highly detailed, compelling, and clearly aligned response.

Key Information to Include

- Data to support the need
- Articulate the potential impact
- Explain track record of success working with identified population
- What sets your organization apart!

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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'How to Apply' page on the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County website. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'cfwestmoreland.org/how-to-apply'. The website's header features the organization's logo on the left and navigation links for 'Donor Login', 'Grantee Login', 'Professional Advisors', and 'Scholarships' on the right. Below the header, there are main navigation links: 'Giving', 'Grantmaking', 'Community Leadership', 'About', and 'News & Events'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'How to Apply', 'Funding Priorities', and 'Grant Reporting'. The main content area has a large heading 'How to Apply' and a list of links: 'Create an Organizational Profile', 'Submit Request for Funding', and 'Commonly Asked Questions'. A photograph of a log cabin is visible below the text. On the right side of the page, there is a vertical social media sharing bar with icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar, task view, and various application icons, with the system tray displaying the time as 8:43 PM on 9/27/2022 and the temperature as 49°F.

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If you already have a profile you can log in

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=pittsburgh`. The page features the Pittsburgh Foundation logo and a 'Logon' section. The 'Email Address*' field is empty and has a red border with the message 'The Email Address* field is required.' below it. The 'Password*' field is also empty and has a red border with the message 'The Password* field is required.' below it. There are two buttons: 'Log On' (blue) and 'Create New Account' (grey). A link for 'Forgot your Password?' is also present. On the right, a grey box contains the following text:

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 browser window, the footer reads 'pittsburghfoundation.org software provided by Foundant Technologies © 2022'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar, task view, and various application icons, with the system tray displaying the time as 8:43 PM on 9/27/2022 and the temperature as 49°F.

Questions and support

Application questions

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Use for online application or upload issues