**FAQs**

1. **What is the grant award process?**

\*may not be required for every award

**2. Do you accept unsolicited applications (any topic, any time)?**

Yes! Use our contact form to provide a White Paper describing your idea; specifically, the concern you may have identified and your proposed solution and expected impact.

The White Paper should be relatively brief providing an overview of your project. Recommend no more than three pages; brochures or other marketing material may be submitted in support but will not be accepted in lieu of a written proposal.

1. **Do I have to wait for a specific topic before I can apply (solicited application)?**

No. We may issue an announcement for specific topics within a submission window usually because our organization has received funding for a specified purpose. This process may be more competitive in that funding may not be available for every proposal received. However, submissions are not evaluated against one another, each is evaluated on its own merits. The announcement will have details on the topic and proposal requirements which are likely to be somewhat more extensive than a White Paper.

1. **How long will it take to review my application?**

We may request up to (30) days to review and respond (usually less). The sole purpose of our review is to determine whether to provide funding to your concept as explained through the White Paper / proposal. We may have follow-up questions for clarification to assist in making our decision.

1. **If I apply for a grant, do you have any rights to my idea?**

No! Your submission is yours. We claim no ownership of any idea, concept, solution, etc. shared with us for purposes of funding. Any funding provided is a grant and does not convey any partnership or agreement. We do not share any White Papers / proposals outside our organization. However, we may include an overview for our published list of grant recipients.

1. **Are there terms and conditions attached to the grant?**

Yes, there may be additional terms and conditions depending on the topic and amount of funding. But each situation is unique and the T&Cs will be specific to each award recipient. For example, a recipient may be required to provide quarterly updates and/or a close-out report after a specific period of time. This helps our organization track the impact of our funding in line with our mission – which is to help yours!

1. **What if we don’t agree?**

Any dispute between the submitter or recipient and the organization shall be addressed in good faith and is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To the extent permitted by law, in no event shall the organization have any liability of any kind to the submitter or recipient or arising out of or in connection with the grant award process or awarding any funds.