



Philadelphia Funding Intelligence Brief

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From Our Founder: Why this brief exists

Philadelphia nonprofits often receive grant news grouped by funders. **This brief starts with what a group needs to pay for.** That may be daily operations, staff, administration, growth, or an urgent response. Each summary explains what the money may cover and who can apply. It also explains the award, the steps to apply, and the main reasons a group may not qualify.

Start with your funding goal. Then compare the funder's rules with your mission and service area. Check your tax status, budget size, records, and timeline too. A large award is not always the best grant. The time to apply, allowed uses, and chance of success all matter.

My sincerest hope for all of you is a season of growth, opportunity, advancement, and ultimate success! Please reach out to cmichael@troubadoursolutions.com if you would like to set up a time to discuss grant writing services or operational support for your organization.



In Service, Solidarity & Support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Michael'.

IMPORTANT: Deadlines and portal status can change. Recheck the official funder page when you begin an application and again before you submit it.

Find the section that matches your goal

Funding goal	Use this section	Typical costs
Keep the organization stable	Operations and stability	Rent, utilities, insurance, routine payroll, and other core costs
Strengthen staff or systems	Staff administration and systems	Training, hiring, technology, planning, evaluation, and board development
Launch or expand work	Expansion and special projects	New programs, added services, equipment, and project staff
Respond to an urgent event	Rapid response	Safety, mutual aid, legal support, urgent organizing, and short-term pivots

Funding goal	Use this section	Typical costs
Prepare for a future cycle	Watch and verify	Readiness work for promising grants that are closed or unclear

Deadline Radar (UPCOMING)

Deadline	Opportunity	Primary use	Action now
Oct 22	William Penn Foundation: 10 open RFPs	Arts, early childhood, civic, climate and public space	Submit only if a proposal is already substantially complete.
Oct 23, 5 PM ET	Baltimore Life Community Grants	Small local project	Use the short cycle only for a ready, specific request.
Oct 30	Causality Brand Grant	Brand, design or website services	Choose pro bono or 50% matching support and define the scope.
Oct 30, 11:59 PM ET	M&T Charitable Foundation	Program support	Upload the expanded financial package for requests of \$10,000 or more.
Oct 30	Indego Winter Mini-Grant	Winter community programming	Confirm the activity occurs in an Indego service or expansion area.
Oct 30, 5 PM ET	PECO Green Region	Open-space improvement	Confirm eligibility and a cash match of at least 50%.
Oct 31	ALDI Community Gift Card	Youth or food access	Attach tax documentation and use a deliverable street address.
Oct 31	Pennrose Foundation	Youth, health, arts or community	Read the live portal because the public page does not state an award range.
Oct 31	TJX Foundation LOI	Vulnerable children and families	Take the eligibility quiz and confirm service within 15 miles of a TJX location.
Oct 31, 11:59 PM CT	The Lawrence Foundation	Environment or human services	Apply only with strong fit; national competition is extremely high.
Nov 1, 11:59 PM	Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation	Defined short-term project	Finish the itemized budget and certified financial statement or explanation.
Nov 1	Claneil Community Fund opens	Environmental general operations	Prepare the LOI for the Dec 1 close.
Nov 2	Impact100 Philadelphia opens	Flexible operations	Confirm three years of audited or reviewed financial statements.
Nov 6	BLBB invited full proposal	Operations, project or capacity	This date applies only to invited requests over \$15,000 or multi-year requests.
Nov 9	The Saturday Club LOI	Women, children and families	Submit the short first-stage project request.

Deadline	Opportunity	Primary use	Action now
Nov 13	TD Capacity Building Fund	Talent, tools and tactics	Complete the board, financial and outcomes package.
Nov 13	Leon H. Sullivan Pathways to Impact	North Philadelphia project or capacity	Confirm annual revenue of \$250,000 or less and service-area fit.
Nov 15	Presser Advancement of Music	Music general operations	Complete the combined 2026-27 operating-support application.
Nov 15	Jewish Federation microgrants open	Neighborhood Jewish programming	Secure required collaborating organizations before Dec 15.
Nov 22, 11:59 PM ET	Velocity Fund	Public-facing visual arts project	Use an eligible Philadelphia artist or collective as lead; nonprofits cannot apply.
Nov 24, 5 PM ET	Stoneleigh Emerging Leader Fellowship	Two-year staff and project capacity	Submit the three-page host-organization LOI.
Nov 25	Impact100 Philadelphia closes	Flexible operations	Submit through SlideRoom before the portal closes.
Nov 30	Truist Foundation	Career pathways or small business	Frame a sustainable program, capacity, seed or capital request—not general operations.
Nov 30	Esperanza Hispanic Ministry Fund	Latino church leadership and service	Use the fall application for a Philadelphia congregation with budget at or below \$500,000.
Nov 30, 11:59 PM	Philly AIDS Thrift	Direct HIV/AIDS services	Attach the current 990, IRS letter and sponsor letter if applicable.
Nov 30	DoorDash Food as Medicine	Home-delivery operations	Build a 2027 delivery budget and quarterly milestones.
Dec 1, 5 PM ET	Claneil Community Fund closes	Environmental general operations	Submit the LOI; invited full proposals follow in March.
Dec 1	Citizens Financial Empowerment	Financial education	Show LMI impact and a credible role for Citizens colleagues.

Key terms

Funders may use the same words in different ways. Always follow the definition in the current guidelines. These plain-language definitions will help you read the summaries in this issue.

Term	What it means
General operating support	Money for the organization's overall mission and daily work. It may cover costs such as payroll, rent, insurance, or administration, subject to the grant agreement.

Term	What it means
Unrestricted funding	Money the organization may use where it is most needed, within the funder's rules and the organization's charitable purpose.
Restricted funding	Money that must be used for the approved program, project, activity, or cost.
Capacity building	Support that helps an organization work better. Examples include planning, technology, staff development, financial systems, evaluation, and board development.
Infrastructure	The people, tools, systems, equipment, and administrative processes that allow programs to operate.
Fiscal sponsor	A qualified nonprofit that accepts and manages grant funds for a project or group that does not have its own eligible tax status.
Letter of inquiry	A short first-stage request. The funder reviews it before deciding whether to invite a full proposal.
Rolling deadline	Applications may be submitted throughout the year. Rolling does not mean unlimited money, so earlier can be better.
Invitation only	A full proposal may be submitted only after the funder asks for one. A public letter of inquiry may still be allowed.
Application burden	Our estimate of the time and records needed. Low usually means a short request. High may include audits, several stages, a site visit, or detailed reporting.
Service area	The exact location where an organization must be based or where the funded work must take place.

Readiness Checklist (Complete BEFORE Application)

Check the items below before staff begin the work. One missing rule can make a strong request fail.

- ☐ The group and its proposed work **fit** the funder's mission and service area.
- ☐ The group has the required **tax status** or **fiscal sponsor agreement**. If not, another **allowed legal structure** must apply.
- ☐ The annual budget is **within** any stated minimum or maximum for the grant opportunity.
- ☐ The group has each required audit, reviewed statement, Form 990 filing, board list, budget, and insurance record.
- ☐ The request pays for an allowed cost. Do not assume that a project grant can cover routine payroll or an operating deficit.
- ☐ The application portal account is active before the deadline.

Operations & Stability Grants

These grants can support the organization's core mission, routine costs or long-term stability. Read each restriction closely: some are unrestricted, while others are flexible only within a named field or applicant group.

Impact100 Philadelphia

Status	Opens November 2	Deadline	November 25, 2026
Award	\$100,000 operating grant request	Best use	Staff, infrastructure, core programs and mission costs

What it supports Flexible operating support tied to the organization's core mission. Eligible costs can include staff salaries, organizational infrastructure and the programs or services central to the applicant's work.

Who may apply A 501(c)(3) public charity serving Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia County may apply. A program or group with a documented relationship to an eligible fiscal sponsor or parent organization may also qualify.

Financial readiness Applicants need three complete years of independently audited or reviewed financial statements; compiled statements do not meet the rule. Impact100 prefers annual budgets from \$300,000 to \$3 million and will not review applicants above \$3.5 million.

Process and burden The application opens November 2. Member review is followed by a financial review, possible follow-up questions and a site visit. Finalists are selected in spring and members vote in late May.

Watch outs Do not invest staff time until the financial-statement rule and five-county service area are confirmed. The request amount is fixed at \$100,000 even though the final number of awards depends on annual membership.

Intelligence note This remains one of the strongest flexible opportunities in the brief for an established organization with clean financial records. Prepare the narrative and financial package before the portal opens.

Source [Official application page](#)

Claneil Foundation Community Fund

Status	Opens November 1	Deadline	December 1, 2026 at 5 PM ET
Award	\$99,000 over three years plus up to \$11,000 for professional development and wellness	Best use	General operating support for a small environmental organization

What it supports Three years of general operating support, paired with a separate professional-development and wellness allowance for organizational leaders.

Who may apply The 2026 cycle is limited to environmental organizations working in or serving Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia County. The Community Fund is designed for smaller organizations.

Process and burden The first step is an online letter of intent. LOI decisions are scheduled by January 31; invited full proposals are due March 1, with award notice by June 30.

Watch outs The annual topic rotates. An organization that does not fit the 2026 environmental focus should not try to stretch its mission into the cycle.

Intelligence note The combination of multi-year operating support and leader development is unusual. Treat the LOI as a case for organizational strength and community relevance, not as a project pitch.

Source [Official Community Fund page](#)

BLBB Charitable

Status	Rolling letter of inquiry	Deadline	Reviewed monthly; Nov 6 applies only to invited large or multi-year proposals
Award	Varies; invited requests over \$15,000 or multi-year follow quarterly deadlines	Best use	Operating, project or capacity-building support

What it supports Operating support, defined projects and capacity building. Capacity requests can include planning, leadership development and other work that strengthens an organization.

Who may apply A current 501(c)(3) organization serving Greater Philadelphia, with special attention to Bucks and Montgomery Counties, must have at least two consecutive Form 990 filings.

Priority work BLBB emphasizes education and leadership, college access and postsecondary pathways, economic self-sufficiency, K-12 support and youth development.

Process and burden Submit an online LOI. BLBB reviews new inquiries monthly and invites selected organizations to a full proposal. The November 6 date is not an open deadline for uninvited applicants.

Watch outs BLBB notes that multi-year commitments limit the number of new grantees it can add. Current or recent grantees should contact staff before submitting another LOI.

Intelligence note The rolling first stage makes this useful for relationship development, but the pipeline is selective. Lead with documented outcomes and a clear link to the education-and-leadership priorities.

Source [Official application page](#)

The Presser Foundation — Advancement of Music

Status	Open	Deadline	November 15, 2026
Award	Typically up to \$50,000; primarily one-year grants	Best use	General operating support for a music organization

What it supports Flexible general operating support for organizations that teach, perform or present music. For 2026-27, Presser combined Advancement of Music and Special Projects into one operating-support application.

Who may apply A 501(c)(3) or fiscally sponsored music organization in Presser's defined Greater Philadelphia region. Applicants need an operating budget of at least \$20,000 or at least five years in existence, plus one complete year of documented financial information.

Program readiness Performing and presenting organizations should offer at least three public programs annually. Presser evaluates organizational strength, music programming and meaningful access to music or music education.

Watch outs Pre-K-12 schools, postsecondary schools, theater, musical theater, dance and organizations that are not primarily focused on music are not eligible.

Intelligence note This is one of the clearest unrestricted opportunities in the issue for a qualifying music organization. The application should connect financial stability to artistic quality and access.

Source [Official grant page](#)

Looking Out Foundation

Status	Open	Deadline	January 15, 2027 for a May decision
Award	Average grant allocation is \$5,000 to \$25,000	Best use	Unrestricted support for a social-justice or humanitarian nonprofit

What it supports Unrestricted grants to public charities working in areas such as LGBTQIA2S+ support, disadvantaged youth, public health, women, the arts, food insecurity and housing insecurity.

Current priorities The foundation highlights displaced people and immigrant communities, the rights and joy of trans and gender-expansive people, and increased access to mental-health resources.

Process and burden The application is a short online form. The current window runs October 15 through January 15 for decisions normally made in May. Applicants may submit only once in any 12-month period.

Watch outs The foundation does not generally support endowments, fundraising events, annual appeals of established organizations, scholarships or grants to individuals. It does not conduct pre-application calls.

Intelligence note The unrestricted structure and short form are attractive, but this is a national funder with a broad field. Use only when the work directly meets a named priority and can be explained without generic language.

Source [Official grants page](#)

Brook J. Lenfest Foundation

Status	Rolling LOI for new applicants	Deadline	Anytime for LOI; invited proposals Feb 15 or Aug 15
Award	Typical grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000	Best use	Operating, project or capital support with strong outcomes

What it supports Operating support, specific programs or projects and capital needs. The foundation is especially interested in education and job-training models that prepare participants for sustainable earnings.

Who may apply Only qualified 501(c)(3) public charities may submit. The public guidance does not list fiscal sponsorship as an eligible route.

Process and burden A new applicant may send a two-to-three-page LOI at any time with the request amount, purpose, short- and long-term outcomes, total organizational budget and only the IRS determination letter as an attachment.

Watch outs Invited and previously funded organizations face a fuller package, including an audit, board list and the titles and salaries of the five highest-paid staff members.

Intelligence note This is a practical rolling entry point for a mature nonprofit with strong outcomes. Keep the initial inquiry disciplined; extra attachments are specifically discouraged.

Source [Official grantmaking page](#)

The Barra Foundation Catalyst Fund

Status	Rolling LOI	Deadline	No fixed LOI deadline
Award	Amount varies; successful ideas move to a full application	Best use	Test or launch an early-stage, genuinely novel approach

What it supports Early-stage ideas in arts and culture, education, health or human services that depart from existing practice and could produce durable, transformative and equitable change.

Who may apply A 501(c)(3) organization located in or serving at least one of Greater Philadelphia's five Pennsylvania counties. Fiscal sponsorship is permitted. Education, health and human-services ideas should primarily serve under-resourced communities.

Process and burden Submit the online LOI. Barra aims to respond within 45 days. Invited applications are considered at quarterly board meetings; the full path commonly takes four to six months.

Watch outs The fund does not support ordinary program expansion, stand-alone communications or evaluation, deficits, endowments or routine capital work. A useful project must be more than an incremental improvement.

Intelligence note Use Barra only when the organization can explain what assumption or practice is changing, why the timing matters and how affected communities informed the idea.

Source [Official application guidance](#) | [Official Catalyst FAQ](#)

Pincus Family Foundation

Status	Rolling eligibility quiz and LOI	Deadline	No fixed LOI deadline
Award	Varies by scope and organizational capacity	Best use	Youth programs in arts, education, health or play

What it supports Programs improving the well-being of children, families and communities through creative and performing arts, education, health and wellness, or play and recreation.

Who may apply A 501(c)(3) organization serving a listed geography, including Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. Organizations with fiscal sponsors may apply.

Process and burden Start with a short eligibility quiz, then an LOI. Staff review usually takes four to 12 weeks; invited applications go to board meetings in February, May, September or November. The full process typically takes three to five months.

Watch outs The foundation does not fund individuals, event promotion, past deficits, travel, capital campaigns, building projects, endowments or 509(a)(3) organizations.

Intelligence note There is no published standard request amount. A first inquiry should make the youth outcome, project scope and diversified funding plan easy to understand.

Source [Official application page](#)

The Lawrence Foundation

Status	Open	Deadline	October 31, 2026 at 11:59:59 PM CT
Award	Typically \$5,000 to \$10,000; generally unrestricted	Best use	General operating or project support in environment or human services

What it supports Environment and human-services work, with occasional disaster relief. The foundation accepts general operating and project requests and generally issues awards as unrestricted grants.

Who may apply U.S.-based 501(c)(3) public charities, public schools and libraries. A fiscally sponsored applicant may proceed with written sponsor authorization. There is no geographic restriction.

Process and burden There is no LOI. Submit a relatively short Common Grant Application during the September 1-October 31 cycle.

Watch outs The foundation receives roughly 1,000 to 1,500 applications per cycle and recently has made about 20 grants. It also lists many typically excluded uses, including computers, software, music, recreation, performance arts and religious organizations.

Intelligence note The simple form does not make this a high-probability opportunity. Apply only with exact subject fit and a concise case; otherwise preserve staff time for a regional funder.

Source [Official grant guidelines](#) | [Official application page](#)

Patricia Kind Family Foundation

Status	Opens January 1	Deadline	January 31, 2027
Award	Usually \$10,000 to \$25,000 per year for three years	Best use	Multi-year general operations for a smaller Philadelphia direct-service nonprofit

What it supports Direct-service general operations for communities affected by poverty, along with selected capacity-building and collaboration efforts. The foundation encourages multi-year operating requests.

Who may apply A 501(c)(3) or fiscally sponsored organization operating only in Philadelphia County, in operation at least one year, with an operating budget below \$1 million. Larger national organizations seeking support for a Philadelphia chapter are not eligible.

Application needs Expect questions on recent activity, participants, changing needs, impact, key staff, board membership, current operating budget, major funding sources, weekly operating hours and site-visit availability.

Watch outs The foundation excludes grants to individuals, scholarships, fellowships, endowments, capital projects and event sponsorships. Site visits are part of the review for finalists.

Intelligence note This is a strong fit for a small, community-rooted direct-service organization that can show what it has done in the last six months and provide a clean operating picture.

Source [Official cycle page](#) | [Official eligibility questions](#)

William Penn Foundation – Arts & Culture General Operating Support

Status	Opens November 18	Deadline	January 21, 2027
Award	Multi-year general operating support; amount varies	Best use	Flexible support for an existing William Penn arts grantee

What it supports Multi-year general operating support so arts and culture organizations can sustain artistically strong, relevant work and expand benefits across Greater Philadelphia.

Who may apply Eligibility is restricted to organizations that received a William Penn Arts and Culture or former Creative Communities grant within the prior 10 years. A first-time grantee must have completed at least one year of its initial grant.

Timing rule The November RFP is for organizations with fiscal years beginning from July through December. Organizations with fiscal years beginning January through June use the separate May cycle.

Watch outs This is not an entry point for a new William Penn relationship. Confirm the prior-grant and fiscal-year rules before assigning staff.

Intelligence note Eligible organizations should prepare a renewal-quality operating case now; the opportunity opens less than a month after this issue publishes.

Source [Official objective page](#) | [Official funding schedule](#)

Staff Administration & Systems Support Grants

This section is for staff growth, professional development, planning, technology, evaluation, leadership and other internal systems. Several operating grants in the prior section can also support these costs when the guidelines allow them.

TD Capacity Building Fund

Status	Open	Deadline	November 13, 2026
Award	\$25,000 to \$150,000	Best use	Talent, tools or tactics that strengthen program delivery

What it supports Capacity work described as talent, tools and tactics, including staff development, planning, technology, data, evaluation and other infrastructure tied to stronger community programs.

Who may apply Eligible 501(c)(3) public charities, public schools and certain government entities operating in a TD market and serving low- to moderate-income communities. Annual organizational revenue may not exceed \$2 million.

Process and burden The application requires organizational and project budgets, financial records, board information, an IRS letter, outcomes and a clear capacity plan. Decisions for this cycle are expected in mid-January 2027.

Watch outs This is not unrestricted rescue funding. Do not frame a structural deficit or routine operating gap as capacity building.

Intelligence note The award range is substantial for a smaller organization, but the case must show how a discrete internal investment will materially improve delivery and results.

Source [Official TD nonprofit funding page](#)

TD Nonprofit Training Resource Fund

Status	Open on a rolling basis	Deadline	Reviewed monthly
Award	Up to \$1,000	Best use	A defined staff or board course or certification

What it supports A stand-alone course or certification directly relevant to an employee's or board member's role. The fund is designed for external training, not an internally created workshop.

Who may apply A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, public school or eligible state or local entity in a TD market that serves low- to moderate-income communities.

Application needs The package includes executive approval, a one-page course description, board list, IRS documentation, financial records and proof of the training cost.

Process and burden The course should begin at least 30 days after submission. TD generally responds within two to six weeks and normally makes one training award per organization during its November 1-October 31 fiscal year.

Intelligence note The document burden is high relative to the award. Use it when the course is specific, the records are already organized and the training can begin after the review window.

Source [Official TD nonprofit funding page](#)

Causality Brand Grant

Status	Open; deadline extended	Deadline	October 30, 2026
Award	Full pro bono or 50% matching professional-services grant	Best use	Brand identity, graphic design, WordPress or communications assets

What it supports Professional branding, identity design, graphic design, creative services, website design and development, WordPress, infographics and illustration.

Who may apply Nonprofit organizations, government agencies and educational clients in the United States, Canada or Mexico.

Cost structure Applicants may seek a full pro bono service grant or a matching grant that requires the recipient to pay 50% of the service cost. This is in-kind professional support, not a cash award.

Watch outs Define the deliverable and internal decision-maker before applying. A rebrand or website project still requires staff time for content, approvals and implementation.

Intelligence note The current deadline was extended from October 23 to October 30. Use the extension for a tightly scoped need, not a vague request to improve marketing.

Source [Official grant page](#)

Stoneleigh Emerging Leader Fellowship – Host Organization

Status	Open	Deadline	November 24, 2026 at 5 PM ET
Award	Up to \$200,000 over two years; 5 to 6 awards expected	Best use	A funded early-career leader plus project and supervision capacity

What it supports A two-year fellowship hosted by a Philadelphia-area organization to advance work that helps young people thrive. The award can cover the fellow's salary and benefits, indirect costs, direct project expenses and professional-development stipends for the fellow and supervisor.

Who may apply Nonprofit, academic and public-sector host organizations with relevant experience, adequate staffing, a qualified supervisor, workspace and equipment, and a strong fellowship candidate. Work may address youth justice, child welfare, education, health or another well-supported youth need.

Application needs The first stage is a three-page, single-spaced LOI covering the organization, fellowship model, need, proposed focus, candidate profile, outcomes and host-site readiness.

Watch outs Executive directors are discouraged from serving as supervisors. A host must be able to support the fellow for the full two years and administer the professional-development budget.

Intelligence note This is a staffing and leadership opportunity, not a conventional project grant. It is strongest when the role is embedded in a credible supervision and systems-change plan.

Source [Official fellowship application](#)

Expansion & Special Projects Grants & Funding

These opportunities support a defined project, service, population or expansion. Do not treat a project award as unrestricted operating money unless the funder explicitly permits that use.

William Penn Foundation – October 22 RFP Portfolio

Status	Open; deadline is publication day	Deadline	October 22, 2026
Award	Varies by RFP, scope and duration	Best use	Only an application already well underway

What is open Ten RFPs close October 22: Arts and Culture Capital Support; Arts and Culture Programming; Out-of-School Community-based Arts Education; Caregiver Supports and Opportunities for Early Learning; Mental and Behavioral Health Services for Young Children and Caregivers; Responsive Local Government; Climate Resilience Planning; Increasing Urban Trees; Preserving Urban Gardens and Farms; and Reducing Illegal Dumping.

Who should act Only an organization that has already selected the correct RFP, reviewed the full packet, built the budget and substantially completed the narrative should treat this as actionable on publication day.

Process and burden Applications must be submitted through William Penn's grants portal. Each RFP has its own geography, applicant types, project duration, budget guidance and review criteria.

Watch outs Do not combine the ten RFPs or assume one set of eligibility rules applies to all. The public opportunity page states the date; the individual packet controls the submission requirements and any time cutoff.

Intelligence note This entry is a final-alert service, not a recommendation to begin a proposal on October 22. Organizations not already in progress should use the RFP language to understand future strategy and monitor later cycles.

Source [Official funding opportunities page](#)

Baltimore Life 2026 Community Grants

Status	Open	Deadline	October 23, 2026 at 5 PM ET
Award	Up to \$500	Best use	A small, specific community project

What it supports Specific programs that help distressed families, improve public safety, strengthen communities or combat community deterioration. Home-grown projects with volunteer capacity receive special consideration.

Who may apply A 501(c)(3) organization in a participating state, including Pennsylvania. Libraries, senior centers, homeless shelters and certain nonprofits under a government agency may also qualify.

Watch outs The program does not fund general operations, deficits, fundraising, advertising, political campaigns, scholarships, trips, tours or sports events. Religious organizations may apply only for a nondenominational community program.

Intelligence note The deadline is immediate and the award is small. Apply only if the project and organizational records are already ready; do not displace higher-value work.

Source [Official grant page](#) | [Official 2026 guidelines](#)

PECO Green Region Open Space Program

Status	Open	Deadline	October 30, 2026 at 5 PM ET
Award	Up to \$10,000; maximum 50% of project cost	Best use	Public open-space preservation, planning or improvement

What it supports Habitat and tree work, passive-recreation access, trails, boardwalks, planning, feasibility studies, land or easement acquisition and related professional services for public open space.

Who may apply Municipalities and regional recreation authorities in PECO's eligible service territory, plus incorporated nonprofit organizations located within the City of Philadelphia, including neighborhood and Friends groups.

Match requirement The applicant must cover at least 50% of project expenses with cash. In-kind contributions and staff salaries cannot satisfy the match.

Watch outs 2025 award recipients are ineligible for the 2026 round. Staff time, grant-writing costs, most parking work, building repair or demolition and expenses unrelated to open space are excluded.

Intelligence note The cash match and public-access rules are the controlling screens. A Philadelphia nonprofit should confirm incorporation and site control before drafting.

Source [Official program page](#) | [Official 2026 guidelines](#)

M&T Charitable Foundation

Status	Open	Deadline	October 30, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET
Award	Amount not stated in the public guidance	Best use	A nonprofit program or service in an M&T market

What it supports Programmatic grants for nonprofit initiatives and services that create measurable community benefit across M&T's footprint. Grant funds must support the program; M&T cannot receive a marketing benefit from a grant.

Who may apply A recognized 501(c)(3) public charity operating or serving people in a city or town where M&T Bank conducts business.

Application needs All applicants need an IRS letter and board list. Requests of \$10,000 or more also require the total operating budget, a list of other program donors, the Form 990 and current audited financial statements.

Process and burden Submit online and allow at least eight weeks for a decision. The 2027 opening date has not yet been announced.

Intelligence note This is useful for a ready program request with strong local relevance. The documentation threshold changes at \$10,000, so confirm the request amount before assembling the file.

Source [Official foundation page](#)

Indego Winter 2026-27 Mini-Grant

Status	Open	Deadline	October 30, 2026
Award	Up to \$1,000	Best use	Recreation, education or community resources from Nov 2026-Feb 2027

What it supports Community-driven winter projects such as recreation, educational activities and access to community resources.

Who may apply A Philadelphia 501(c)(3) nonprofit or a group with a registered nonprofit fiscal sponsor. Services must be offered in a current Indego service area or planned expansion zone.

Timing rule The funded activity must occur between November 2026 and February 2027. An organization that already received an Indego grant in 2026 must wait for the next cycle.

Intelligence note The amount is modest, but the application is locally targeted. Use it for a visible, time-bounded winter activity with a realistic \$1,000 budget.

Source [Official Indego announcement](#)

ALDI Community Gift Card Program

Status	Open	Deadline	October 31, 2026
Award	\$100 to \$1,000 in ALDI gift cards	Best use	Youth programming or food-pantry purchases

What it supports Gift cards for after-school and out-of-school youth programs or for food banks and pantries purchasing essential products.

Who may apply Local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and schools. An official representative or employee must complete the eligibility quiz and application.

Application needs Attach tax documentation or registration records. The award must be mailed to a street address; P.O. boxes are not accepted.

Watch outs This is an in-kind gift card award, not cash. Budget only for purchases that can reasonably be made through ALDI.

Intelligence note The fit is strongest for a food-access organization or youth program with a concrete grocery or snack need.

Source [Official program page](#)

Pennrose Foundation Community Grants

Status	Open	Deadline	October 31, 2026
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Award	Amount not stated in the current call	Best use	Children, health, arts or community-building work
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What it supports Initiatives benefiting children and youth, health and nutrition, community arts and culture, or community building.

Who may apply The public page invites charitable organizations with aligned missions. The live application controls any geographic, tax-status or budget requirements not listed publicly.

Funding context Pennrose reports that it provided \$55,000 in grants during 2025, but the current call does not publish a standard request amount.

Watch outs Do not infer eligibility from Pennrose's Philadelphia headquarters alone. Open and read the application before committing to a request.

Intelligence note This is a current opportunity with incomplete public guidance. It is worth a quick portal review for a strongly aligned organization, followed by a go/no-go decision.

Source [Official foundation page](#)

TJX Foundation Letter of Inquiry

Status	Open; rolling review	Deadline	October 31, 2026
Award	No typical range is published	Best use	A program serving vulnerable children and families near a TJX location

What it supports Programs focused on food, clothing or shelter; out-of-school opportunities that support school success; workforce readiness for at-risk youth ages 16-24; or safety from relationship abuse.

Who may apply A U.S. 501(c)(3) organization in existence for at least 12 months, providing services within 15 miles of a TJX store, distribution center or office and not already funded by or applying to TJX in the current fiscal year.

Process and burden Complete the eligibility questionnaire, then submit an LOI. Selected organizations are invited to a full application; applications are not accepted without an invitation.

Watch outs TJX excludes general operating support, staff salaries, capital campaigns, scholarships, municipalities, schools, sponsorships, events and several other request types.

Intelligence note The geography screen is unusually specific. Confirm the 15-mile rule before writing and frame a discrete program expense rather than routine payroll.

Source [Official U.S. Foundation page](#) | [Official FAQ](#)

Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation

Status	Open	Deadline	November 1, 2026 at 11:59 PM
Award	Amount not stated	Best use	A defined Greater Philadelphia project completed with one grant

What it supports Specific projects that can reasonably be completed with one grant over a relatively brief period. Emergency grants are possible but rare and use a strict definition.

Who may apply Organizations working within Greater Philadelphia. The online application asks for tax status, a project description, request amount and term, geography and program classification.

Application needs Prepare a board and officer list, itemized project budget, IRS determination letters, certified financial statement or a written explanation. Newly formed organizations receive a three-year grace period on the certified statement.

Watch outs The foundation rarely supports ordinary operating expenses, endowment, research, real-estate construction or renovation, lobbying, or projects likely to require support beyond three years.

Intelligence note Use this for a self-contained project with a credible completion or sustainability plan, not for ongoing payroll or a program that lacks future support.

Source [Official guidelines](#)

The Saturday Club Annual Grant Fund

Status	Open LOI	Deadline	November 9, 2026
Award	Varies; current page does not publish a standard amount	Best use	A specific project serving women, children or families

What it supports Essential programs, services and resources that provide stability and opportunity for women, children and families in Greater Philadelphia.

Who may apply A local 501(c)(3) public charity serving Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia County. The club prefers annual operating budgets below \$2 million and community-rooted organizations with direct local impact.

Process and burden Submit a brief online LOI. Selected organizations receive a full-application invitation December 10, and awards are presented in April.

Watch outs Requests must be project-based. The fund does not support general operations, fundraising, capital campaigns, travel, salaries, benefits, stipends or political or religious activities. Prior grantees must wait three years.

Intelligence note The first stage is proportionate and local. A strong LOI should identify one concrete need, beneficiaries, project cost and immediate community result.

Source [Official grant program page](#)

Leon H. Sullivan Charitable Trust — Pathways to Impact

Status	Open	Deadline	November 13, 2026
Award	\$10,000 in two installments	Best use	Program, engagement, capacity or project resources in North Philadelphia

What it supports Philadelphia-based nonprofits advancing equity, opportunity and community empowerment through education, workforce development, economic mobility or social justice.

Who may apply A registered Philadelphia nonprofit in operation at least one year, with annual revenue of \$250,000 or less, measurable community engagement and capacity to manage the award. Applicants must serve North Philadelphia; eight listed ZIP codes receive priority.

Application needs Submit the application, project description, itemized budget using the funder template, IRS letter and the most recent Form 990 or financial statement.

Participation requirements The second installment depends on attendance at the award reception and at least two of three capacity workshops. Grantees also provide progress reporting and participate in a site visit.

Intelligence note This is a strong local opportunity for a small North Philadelphia organization, but participation requirements should be scheduled and assigned before submission.

Source [Official grant page](#)

Jewish Federation Community Microgrants

Status	Opens November 15	Deadline	December 15, 2026
Award	\$200 to \$1,500	Best use	Collaborative Jewish neighborhood programming from Jan-Aug 2027

What it supports Community-wide Jewish holiday, education, service and mitzvah programming designed to build a vibrant and connected Jewish community.

Who may apply The lead must be a Jewish nonprofit partner focused on one of the listed Greater Philadelphia neighborhoods. General applications require collaboration by at least two Jewish nonprofits or synagogues; Lower Merion requires at least three.

Timing rule The winter cycle supports programs taking place from January through August 2027.

Post-award needs Grantees must provide insurance documentation, ACH information and a W-9, sign the grant agreement, use Federation branding and collect specified participant contact information.

Intelligence note Secure collaborators and clarify data-sharing responsibilities before the portal opens. The small award should support a contained event or series, not complex administration.

Source [Official microgrant page](#)

Velocity Fund

Status	Open	Deadline	November 22, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET
Award	\$5,000	Best use	An experimental, public-facing visual arts project in Philadelphia

What it supports Philadelphia-based visual artists, collectives and artist-run spaces developing community-rooted projects with a public outcome between February 2027 and February 2028.

Who may apply An individual artist living in Philadelphia or a collective or artist-run space whose lead applicant lives in Philadelphia.

Who cannot apply Incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofits, for-profit businesses, artists outside Philadelphia and a lead applicant funded in the prior year are not eligible.

Application needs Prepare a proposal in written or video form, timeline, audience description, budget and five to ten work samples.

Intelligence note This is included because nonprofit readers often work with artists and fiscally sponsored projects. Route the opportunity to an eligible artist or collective; do not submit through the nonprofit itself.

Source [Official application page](#)

Truist Foundation

Status	Open	Deadline	November 30, 2026
Award	Local and regional requests start at \$15,000	Best use	Career pathways or small-business support

What it supports Programs that build adult career pathways to economic mobility or strengthen small businesses. Eligible uses may include a new program, curriculum, equipment, capacity building, seed support and certain capital needs.

Who may apply A 501(c)(3) public charity aligned with one of the two focus areas. Fiscal sponsors may apply on behalf of an eligible project.

Capital rule A capital campaign may be considered only when it aligns with a priority and has already reached 60% of its fundraising goal in donations and pledges.

Watch outs Truist does not support general operating or recurring expenses, scholarships, endowment, sponsorships, events, travel or deficit reduction.

Intelligence note The request should describe a sustainable change with a defined adult economic-mobility outcome, not an ongoing line item.

Source [Official application page](#)

Esperanza Hispanic Ministry Small Grant Fund

Status	Open; rolling through deadline	Deadline	November 30, 2026
Award	Amount not stated	Best use	Latino church leadership, youth ministry or community service

What it supports Development of Latino or Hispanic church leadership, youth ministry, collaboration among congregations and ministries of service to the Latino or Hispanic community.

Who may apply Hispanic-serving churches and church leaders in Philadelphia County with annual budgets of \$500,000 or less and a willingness to collaborate.

Process and burden Applications are accepted as they are completed during the fall cycle. An applicant may receive no more than one award per fiscal year.

Watch outs This is a faith-specific fund and should not be presented as a general community nonprofit grant.

Intelligence note A strong application will connect leadership or ministry development to a concrete educational or community-development benefit.

Source [Official grant page](#)

Philly AIDS Thrift Grant

Status	Open	Deadline	November 30, 2026 at 11:59 PM
Award	Historically \$1,500 to \$15,000; average about \$10,000	Best use	Direct services for people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS

What it supports Direct services for adults and children infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS across the Delaware Valley.

Who may apply A nonprofit or fiscally sponsored organization with the organization or funded service located in the five Pennsylvania counties, Burlington, Camden or Gloucester County in New Jersey, or New Castle County in Delaware.

Application needs Submit the current Form 990, IRS determination letter and strategic plan if available. A fiscally sponsored applicant also needs the sponsor agreement letter and sponsor IRS letter.

Watch outs Applicants may submit one proposal at a time and receive no more than one grant per calendar year. Capital campaigns, salaries and benefits, and new construction are normally excluded.

Intelligence note This is a direct-service fund. Tie every budget line to a concrete service for people affected by HIV/AIDS and keep financial records current.

Source [Official application page](#)

DoorDash Project DASH — 2027 Food as Medicine Impact Grant

Status	Open	Deadline	November 30, 2026
Award	Up to \$15,000	Best use	Home-delivery costs in a 2027 Food as Medicine program

What it supports Scaling or piloting a Food as Medicine program, or adding home delivery to an existing initiative. Eligible delivery-related costs include delivery fees, staffing, food procurement and other operations.

Who may apply A 501(c)(3) community organization or healthcare institution currently running or planning a Food as Medicine program with a home-delivery component. Current Project DASH partners receive preference, but new organizations may apply.

Timing and reporting The award supports expenses incurred during 2027. Applicants should plan quarterly milestones; recipients complete mid-year and year-end surveys.

Watch outs This is a one-time fixed application window, not the rolling standard Project DASH grant. The home-delivery component must be integral to the proposed Food as Medicine work.

Intelligence note The strongest request will connect a clinical or community referral pathway, food model, delivery workflow, patient reach and 2027 metrics.

Source [Official DoorDash announcement](#)

Citizens Charitable Foundation — Financial Empowerment

Status	Open	Deadline	December 1, 2026
Award	Amount not stated	Best use	Financial education for LMI people or small businesses

What it supports Programs that give low- to moderate-income individuals and small businesses the knowledge and tools to become financially healthy.

Who may apply An established 501(c)(3) organization with a program in a Citizens community and a strong fit with the financial-empowerment priority.

What strengthens fit Citizens prioritizes partnerships that offer meaningful roles for bank colleagues to teach healthy financial practices and asks applicants to describe measurable community impact.

Watch outs The foundation is funding programs rather than unrestricted operations and is not currently accepting sponsorship requests through this process.

Intelligence note Build the application around participant-level financial outcomes and a credible volunteer role, not general financial-literacy language.

Source [Official corporate giving page](#)

W. W. Smith Charitable Trust — Basic Needs

Status	Open	Deadline	December 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET
Award	Minimum \$5,000; typically \$10,000 to \$40,000	Best use	Direct food, clothing or shelter for children or older adults

What it supports Direct food, clothing and shelter assistance, including specified supplies, vouchers, housing or utility payments, essential shelter items and certain facility improvements directly tied to food or housing access.

Who may apply A 501(c)(3) nonprofit in existence for more than one year with an established service location in Greater Philadelphia's five Pennsylvania counties or the City of Camden.

Priority population Requests should directly benefit disadvantaged and vulnerable children or older adults. The farther a proposal moves from literal food, clothing or shelter, the less competitive it becomes.

Watch outs Grants are one year. After three consecutive years of funding, an organization must wait two years before reapplying.

Intelligence note Keep the request concrete and close to direct assistance. If fit is uncertain, the trust permits applicants to save a draft and request a preliminary alignment review at least three weeks before the deadline.

Source [Official Basic Needs page](#)

Walmart Spark Good Local Grants

Status	Open — Cycle 3	Deadline	December 31, 2026
Award	\$250 to \$5,000	Best use	A local project serving the same area as a Walmart facility

What it supports Local, community-specific needs selected by Walmart stores, Sam's Clubs and distribution centers.

Who may apply Eligible 501(c)(3) public charities, government entities, schools and community-serving faith organizations. The applicant must serve the same area as the facility from which it requests support.

Account readiness The organization needs a Spark Good account and verification through Deed. Only an authorized account user may apply.

Process and burden Facility managers make recommendations based on local need, trust, organizational record and a clear description of use and outcomes. Approved recipients must establish electronic payment within 21 days.

Intelligence note The relationship is local. Select the facility deliberately and use a modest, tangible budget rather than submitting the same generic request everywhere.

Source [Official program guidelines](#)

Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia — Women in Philanthropy

Status	Open	Deadline	January 22, 2027
Award	One award; amount not posted on the public page	Best use	A Catholic-aligned program, service or necessary infrastructure

What it supports Catholic-aligned programs, services, necessary infrastructure and other mission-supporting initiatives selected by a collective giving community of women.

Who may apply Catholic-aligned organizations able to demonstrate mission fit, need, feasibility, financial stewardship, sustainability and, where relevant, collaboration.

Process and burden All applications use the foundation's portal. First-time users should create the account early because approval can take up to two business days.

Related invitation-only fund The Alice Mayer Memorial Endowment program shares the January 22 deadline and awards \$15,000 to \$25,000 for nursing care of aged or disabled people, but it is by invitation only.

Intelligence note Treat the posted Women in Philanthropy application as the public opportunity. Do not plan around the Alice Mayer fund without an invitation.

Source [Official grants page](#)

The Presser Foundation — Capital Support

Status	Open / prepare now	Deadline	February 1, 2027
Award	Typically \$5,000 to \$100,000	Best use	Music facility construction, renovation, repair or equipment

What it supports Construction, renovation, repair or expansion of music facilities and capital needs such as hardware, software, audio, video, lighting and recording equipment.

Who may apply A 501(c)(3) organization primarily focused on music education, performance or presenting, based in and serving Presser's defined Greater Philadelphia region.

Watch outs Pre-K-12 schools, theater, musical theater, dance and other non-music organizations are ineligible. The program does not fund general operations, musical instruments, supplies or routine annual maintenance.

Intelligence note Start with a clear capital scope, evidence of organizational stability, community need, equitable access and a feasible budget. The strongest request connects the physical investment directly to the music experience.

Source [Official Capital Support page](#)

Awesome Foundation Philadelphia

Status	Applications accepted; no fixed local cutoff posted	Deadline	Rolling / chapter review schedule not published
Award	\$1,000, no strings attached	Best use	A small, novel public-benefit idea that can move quickly

What it supports Projects that a local chapter's volunteer trustees consider unusually useful, creative or community-building. Across the network, grants are generally made monthly.

Who may apply Individuals, groups and organizations may use the common application and select the Philadelphia chapter. Formal nonprofit status is not required by the network.

Application needs The short form asks what the project is, how the money will be used and who is leading it, with optional images.

Watch outs The Philadelphia chapter page does not publish a current monthly cutoff. Treat the opportunity as rolling and do not promise a decision date.

Intelligence note This is useful for a contained idea where \$1,000 creates visible momentum. It is not a substitute for operating support.

Source [Philadelphia chapter page](#) | [Official FAQ](#)

Rapid Response Grants & Funding

No broadly accessible rapid-response fund with a verified, active public application was identified as of October 21, 2026. The September Third Wave Fund deadline has passed.

What to do now If an unexpected event creates an urgent need, document the triggering event, date, affected community, immediate action, short budget and why ordinary operating or project funds cannot respond. Recheck specialist movement, safety and emergency funders before publication and before any application.

Watch & Verify The Following Funding Opportunities

These opportunities have a confirmed future release or relationship path, but they are not ordinary open applications today. Use this section for readiness and monitoring.

Giving Circle Philadelphia – 2027 Cycle

Status	Opening in January	Deadline	Exact 2027 deadline not yet posted; annual timeline says February
Award	Number and amount depend on funds raised	Best use	Health care for underserved Philadelphia women age 18+

Why it matters The 2027 focus is health care for underserved adult women in Philadelphia. The solicitation will be posted through Philadelphia Foundation when the cycle opens.

What to do now Prepare a concise health-care access case, service data for adult women, organizational financials and site-visit readiness. Subscribe or check both Giving Circle Philadelphia and Philadelphia Foundation in early January.

Status note The focus and opening month are confirmed, but the exact February deadline and 2027 award amounts are not yet public.

Source [Official 2027 cycle page](#)

United Way Partnership Grant Program

Status	Upcoming RFPs	Deadline	Economic Mobility releases Jan 2027; Community Resiliency releases Apr 2027
Award	Not yet posted for the upcoming RFPs	Best use	Economic mobility or community resiliency in Greater Philadelphia and South Jersey

Why it matters United Way has announced the release months for two upcoming partnership-grant pillars: economic mobility and community resiliency.

What to do now Review the current program guide, document regional service and outcomes, and monitor United Way's community-partners page. Do not build a full proposal until the 2027 RFP defines eligibility, award size and deadline.

Status note This is a confirmed future release, not an open application.

Source [Official community partners page](#)

Norman Raab Foundation

Status	Invitation only	Deadline	2027 invitation schedule not yet posted
Award	Typical grant is about \$20,000 for one year	Best use	Relationship development for an aligned project

Why it matters The foundation supports aligned 501(c)(3) organizations through a relationship-led annual cycle, and makes room for some new grantees.

Access rule Grant requests are invitation only. An aligned organization may submit the official introduction form, but that is not a grant application and does not guarantee an invitation.

What to do now Review the funding priorities and geography, submit an introduction only if the fit is specific, and wait for a direct invitation before preparing an LOI or proposal.

Status note The foundation says its standard cycle opens in December, but the site currently displays the 2026 calendar rather than confirmed 2027 dates.

Source [Official grantmaking page](#)

How to Choose Where to Spend Your Time

A good funding decision begins with fit, not award size. Rank each opportunity against the five questions below before assigning staff time.

Question	Good sign	Reason to pause
Can the grant pay for the real need?	The guidelines name the cost or provide unrestricted support	The request depends on an unstated exception
Is the organization eligible?	Mission geography status budget and records all match	One required rule is unclear or missing
Is the award worth the work?	The likely benefit is reasonable for the application burden	A small award requires a new audit or major staff effort
Is the organization ready?	Budgets financials board records and portal access are current	Documents must be created close to the deadline
Is the timing realistic?	There is time for review and approval before submission	The deadline forces rushed numbers or unsupported claims

Editorial Method

The brief prioritizes private, family, corporate and community-foundation funding, plus selected giving networks and locally relevant national funds. Each active or upcoming entry was checked against an official funder page or official guidance through October 21, 2026. Expired September deadlines were removed from the active sections. Confirm every portal, deadline, eligibility rule and attachment requirement again before submission.

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