

## ONEIDA COUNTY



### **Frequently Asked Questions About 2026 Funding Opportunity**

#### **Will governmental and municipal entities, such as housing authorities, be considered for funding?**

Governmental and municipal entities are eligible to apply for funding.

#### **How many applications will be approved?**

The number of applications approved is determined based on a combination of factors, including the merits of applications received, available dollars, and alignment with initiative objectives among others.

#### **Will applications be fully funded or is it possible a recipient may receive less funding than what was requested?**

While we do our best to fully fund applications, recipients may be approved for full or partial funding. Award amounts are determined based on a combination of factors, including the merits of an application, available dollars, and eligibility of requested funding, among others.

#### **How will applications be evaluated and recipients selected?**

A committee of Oneida County and Community Foundation staff will review applications and make final award decisions.

#### **Will funding awards be paid in advance or is this a reimbursable grant?**

Grant award funding will be advanced to recipients, not reimbursable.

#### **What expenses are specifically excluded? How does this impact salaries and benefits?**

Excluded expenses include financial assistance or loans to individuals; funding for religious or faith-based specific programming; capital campaign support; and expenses incurred prior to September 1, 2026, or after June 30, 2027.

Organizational payroll and day-to-day operational needs are not eligible for direct funding. Funding is intended to primarily be used for direct program costs. Up to 8% of the total

requested amount may be allocated as an administrative fee to support successful administrative oversight of the grant award received.

Salaries and benefits for program-specific and/or additional staffing to increase program capacity are eligible for direct funding.

**Will multi-year funding requests be considered?**

At this time multi-year funding requests will not be considered.

**Does all funding awarded have to be spent by June 30, 2027?**

All funds awarded must be spent in full by June 30, 2027.

**What are the fiduciary and financial reporting requirements for grant funding received?**

Recipients will be required to submit, at minimum, semi-annually written progress reports that include qualitative and quantitative information related to fulfillment of outcomes, program deliverables, and approved budget to actual figures. Recipients must maintain detailed financial records of all grant-related expenditures and make them available to the Community Foundation for review upon request.

In addition to written progress reports, recipients will be expected to meet virtually and/or in person with Community Foundation staff during the award period. Oneida County and Community Foundation representatives reserve the right to conduct site visits to observe the program. The cadence and frequency of meetings and site visits will be determined at the time of the award approval.

**Will grant recipients be entering into a contract with Oneida County to receive funding?**

Recipients will be entering into a funding agreement with the Community Foundation to receive funding, not Oneida County.

**Can applicants apply for additional funding opportunities from the Community Foundation and/or other funders to support the proposed program?**

We encourage applicants to leverage other funding sources to support the proposed project. While applicants are eligible to apply for other funding from the Community Foundation to support the proposed program, additional funding cannot be guaranteed. Funding can also be secured from other funders based on their criteria.

**What is the source of funding for the grant initiative?**

Funding for this collaborative grant round has been provided to the Community Foundation by Oneida County through unrestricted opioid settlement agreement funds it received.

**Will funding be available in future years and if so, how much funding will be available?**

Oneida County envisions this being a multi-year initiative. Planning for future years is

underway and details about the availability of future funding will be made available once it is finalized.