

# 2026 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## OPERATING GRANTS

Available to organizations working in the following priority areas:

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| EDU – Support & Improve | AC – Arts Organizations | HHS – Health Care   |
| EDU - Preschool         | AC – Youth Mentoring    | HHS – Mental Health |
| EDU – Life Skills       | HHS – Basic Needs       | HHS - Veterans      |

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Eligible organizations:

- Date of IRS determination at least 2 years old
- Form 990 (must be current and can not be Form 990N – postcard)
- At least 1 employee
- No more than 5,000,000 in revenue
- No more than 75% in government grants or contracts

This opportunity would be limited to:

- Maximum request amount of \$25,000
- Funding would be 1 yr on / 1 yr off
- For the first-year new organizations (those never funded by the foundation) will not be eligible

## RURAL GRANTS

When defining rural – we look at 3 data points for each county

- County Population – less than 50,000
- County Poverty – greater than 15%
- Kids Count Ranking – bottom 75%

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These criteria provide us with 35 counties meeting all 3 conditions and another 15 meeting 1 to 2 of the conditions. This is where we anticipate spending much of our time creating relationships, getting to know organizations and communities to find or create opportunities for us to serve rural Alabama. The priorities and eligibility in number 1 above only apply to the operating grant opportunities. There are no priority areas or eligibility restrictions on this cycle. We anticipate this cycle being open year-round and being invitation only, so we have more influence over applications submitted.

See attached sheet for a listing of tier 1 and tier 2 counties.

## SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS

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This opportunity will be open to any organization, but would not be for operating or on-going program support, but rather for projects that create new programming, strategic expansions, support capital campaigns or consider one-time special projects. We expect these requests to be on the larger side thus we would establish a 1 on 2 off policy. This cycle would be open year-round, by invitation only. Conversations prior to the invitation would allow us to position our grant at an optimal time given the project's development.

# RURAL TIER 1 AND TIER 2 COUNTIES

