

# 2026 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

## 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 2 below 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 beginning with an LOI submitted through our grants management system. See attached sheet for a map of tier 1 and tier 2 counties.

## OPERATING GRANTS

Available to organizations in any of the 17 non-rural counties working in the following priority areas:

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
- The calendar for these cycles is posted on our website, [www.danielfoundationofalabama.com](http://www.danielfoundationofalabama.com).

## SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS

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This opportunity will be open to organizations in one of the 17 non-rural counties but would not be for operating or on-going program support. These opportunities could include creation of new programming, strategic expansions, support of capital campaigns, consideration of one-time projects, etc. We expect these requests might be larger thus we have established a 1 on 2 off policy. The calendar for these cycles is posted on our website, [www.danielfoundationofalabama.com](http://www.danielfoundationofalabama.com).

