

Focus Area: College and Career Readiness

Regardless of socio-economic status, geography or background, we believe all individuals should have equal access to education and employment. One group in particular – at-risk, vulnerable youth – is at greater risk of not transitioning to further education or meaningful work because of common barriers and formidable challenges. The PIMCO Foundation's goals through this focus area are to:

- College readiness: Support programming that prepares underserved high school youth academically for education beyond high school
- Career readiness: Invest in job and entrepreneurship training that will lead young adults (ages 16-24) to quality employment

Types of Support: The Foundation provides grants toward daily operations or scaling of current programs; pilot programs that are Board-approved and well-vetted; unrestricted operating support (note: unrestricted operating support can be used to underwrite administrative infrastructure and/or to maintain core programs and essential staff); and support that improves the capacity and effectiveness of the organization.

Geographic Restrictions: Funding is restricted to organizations that are located in and primarily serving Orange County, California and the New York Metro Area.

Grant Awards: Funding amounts range from \$15,000 to \$25,000. We will be funding 20-25 proposals between our College and Career Readiness and Homelessness focus areas this year.

Selection Criteria: Applicants for The PIMCO Foundation's Local Grants Program will be evaluated on the following criteria (in no specific order):

1. Relevance: The grant applicant's mission and intent must closely follow the guidelines set forth above.
2. Program Quality and Past Performance: Applicants must thoroughly demonstrate the effectiveness of their program(s) and organizations in assisting underserved youth and young adults.
3. Organizational Capacity: Preference will be given to applicants that can demonstrate a thoroughly established capacity for reaching opportunity youth and young adults who are not employed within the formal workforce.
4. Measurement: Applicants must demonstrate ability to track and measure progress and make data-driven decisions for the program/organization.
5. Cost-effectiveness and Budget Adequacy: The applicant's budget should clearly illustrate how grant funds will be used to reach the target number of clients and should demonstrate a cost-effective use of resources.

Please Note

1. We accept unsolicited proposals once a year. This call for proposals seeks applications from qualified nonprofit organizations which provide programs that fit with our funding priorities.
2. Organizations seeking unrestricted operating support must demonstrate how the grant could have a measurable impact on organizational and programmatic capacity and effectiveness. Unrestricted grants will only be given to organizations with which The PIMCO Foundation has a pre-existing funding relationship (last two grant cycles).

How to Apply

The request for proposal process is conducted in one phase: a single grant application. All application materials must be submitted via the online application portal, which will be made available April 30 on our webpage: <https://www.pimco.com/en-us/our-firm/foundation/grants-program>.

2018 Timeline

- Application made available: April 30
- Application due: June 11
- Notifications of awards: Made by October 31
- Funds will be distributed in December 2018 for a 2019 program year

Grantee Qualifications

- Organizations must have had their 501(c)3 status for at least four years. We do not accept fiscal sponsorships.
- Organizations must be tax exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code and not a private foundation as defined in section 509 (1) of the Code.
- Audited financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal year are required of all organizations in existence for more than five years and with operating income of \$500,000 or more.
- Organizations with annual income under \$500,000 or agencies founded within the last five years must submit their most recent financial statements, preferably reviewed by a Certified Public Accountant.
- Organizations must operate without discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and expression), age, marital status, military or veteran status, disability (physical or mental), or medical condition.

Grant funds are intended to support projects that have focused, measurable impacts on the population served. The following kinds of efforts will not be funded:

- Political causes or actions, candidates or lobbying efforts
- Individuals
- Capital grants
- Fundraising drives
- Debt retirement or budget deficits
- Academic or scientific research
- More than 25% of agency budget
- Endowment campaigns
- Exclusively religious or sectarian projects
- Scholarships to individuals
- Foundations, pass-through or other grant-making organizations
- Organizations that discriminate against certain groups or individuals in the delivery of programs and services on the basis of race, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and expression), age, marital status, military or veteran status, disability (physical or mental), or medical condition

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