



BETHANY LEGACY FOUNDATION

Grant Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a compilation of frequently asked questions along with their answers. If you can't find what you need, please feel free to contact us by phone at (812) 916-4390 or by email at info@bethanylegacy.org.

Q. My request is for exactly \$50,000. Which application should I use?

a. Apply for funding using the Short Application. The Short Application is for requests of \$50,000 or less in total funding (including multi-year requests).

Q. My request is for two years of \$30,000 each year, for a total of \$60,000. Which application should I use?

a. Apply for funding using the Long Application. The Long Application is for requests for funding over \$50,000 (including multi-year requests).

Q. Is preapplication the same as the short application?

a. No, these are completely different documents for completely different application processes.

The pre-application serves as an eligibility test for the Long Application process for requests over \$50,000.

The Short Application is a standalone application for requests for \$50,000 or less.

Q. Does the Pre-application require a completed budget?

a. No, the Pre-application only requires the total amount of funding that you are applying for, broken down by year.

A completed budget will be required for the Full Application.

Q. We are not done planning our project, but before we spend more time and resources on planning, can we submit a pre-application, to see if our project idea would be considered eligible by BLF?

a. Yes, you may submit a pre-application with a project idea that is not fully fleshed out. If it's accepted, you can then submit the Full Application once your project planning is complete.

Q. Can we start a pre-application or Short Application, save it, and come back to complete it later?

a. Yes.

Q. Does BLF have a goal number of Short or Long Applications that they hope to receive or approve by 2030?

a. No, there is no target number of applications that BLF hopes or plans to receive or fund.

BLF does plan to invest more in proactive projects outside of the online application process. So, the total number of grants approved through the online portal may decrease between 2025 and 2030.

Q. Does BLF publish its annual budget or funds that remain for grants throughout the year?

a. No, BLF does not publish a budget, or the amount left available to be granted.

A list of approved grants is kept updated here: <https://bethanylegacy.org/grants-awarded/>

Typically, BLF has a grants budget of between \$5 million and \$6 million, but that amount includes funds already allocated to multi-year grants approved in previous years.

Q. Does BLF provide grant writing workshops?

a. BLF hosts Learning Labs throughout the year, which may include grant writing as a topic.

For help with a BLF grant application specifically, you can contact BLF staff to ask if they will review part or all your application and provide feedback. It is more likely that BLF staff will have the capacity to help with your application if you reach out as early in the process as possible.

Q. Can I sign up for the BLF grant portal without applying for funding?

a. Yes, you can create an account here: <https://goapply2.akoyago.com/bethanylegacy>

However, if you are looking for information about BLF's grantmaking process, you will find more information about that on our website here: <https://bethanylegacy.org/grant-process/>

Q. My organization isn't eligible for funding, but we're partnering with a fiscal sponsor organization that is eligible to receive funding to submit an application. But our fiscal sponsor wants to submit their own application for a different project. Can we move forward with both applications?

a. Yes, you may submit both applications. Please note however that BLF may have additional questions about the capacity to complete both projects.

Q. The Grant Guidelines say that BLF won't be the sole funder of a project involving a real estate purchase. Would BLF consider being a partial funder?

a. Yes, BLF would be open to filling a funding gap needed for a real estate purchase that involves other funders.

BLF would also consider being an initial funder, but in that case may pledge funding and then wait to make the funding transfer until the other funds have been secured.

Q. In some places it says that to be eligible for funding, a project must support at least one BLF Focus Area. But under Grant Priorities it says projects should support two or more BLF Focus Areas. Which is it?

a. To be considered eligible, projects must support at least one BLF Focus Area (page 3).

In addition to BLF Focus Areas, a project should meet one or more BLF Grant Priorities (page 5). There is no requirement which Priority(ies) a project meets; one option is that the project supports more than one BLF Focus Area.

Q. How many years of funding can I apply for?

a. Currently the BLF applications allow for up to 5 years of funding. If you are interested in applying for a longer grant, contact BLF staff to discuss.

Q. I am applying for multiple years of funding. When the application asks for the total cost of the project, should I answer for one year, or for all the years of the project?

a. Answer for all the years of the project. So, if you are applying for three years of BLF funding, identify the total cost of the project over those three years.

Q. Are we ineligible to apply if we are faith-based?

a. No, BLF welcomes applications from faith-based organizations. Projects cannot be discriminatory towards people of other faiths or those with no faith.

Q. We have multiple people working on an application. Should we all have our own logins?

a. Yes, each person having their own log in helps keep track of who writes what, which may become important to know later in the process. But you should only submit one application for the project.

Q. Is ADA access important.

a. Yes, for projects that include physical spaces, BLF looks for those spaces to be ADA compliant.

BLF will also consider projects that focus on improving ADA access to community resources, as “Accessibility” is one of our Grant Priorities.

Q. We are working on several projects at the same time. Should we apply for all of them in one Long Application, or should we apply for each separately using multiple Short Applications?

a. It depends.

If the different projects are ready to move forward around the same time, and are working towards a similar goal, BLF would prefer that one Long Application be used.

If the different projects are at different stages of development, are being led by different staff/volunteers, and are separate in their goals, you can apply for them using separate Short Applications.

Q. My organization is its own organization with its own EIN. But its tax-exempt status is provided by a parent organization. Which organization should we apply under?

a. Apply with your local EIN. If there are questions about your tax-exempt status, we can work with you to ensure that it is accurately reflected in your application.