

## General Operating Support Grant Guidelines: The Dyson Foundation

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The Dyson Foundation makes general operating support grants available to 501(c)(3) organizations in the Mid-Hudson Valley (Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, and Ulster counties) who are addressing basic human needs such as food, housing, health care, and other human services.

General operating support grants may be used to cover day-to-day activities or ongoing expenses such as administrative salaries, utilities, office supplies, technology maintenance, etc., as well as for project costs, capital, technology purchases, and professional development.

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To be eligible to apply for a general operating support grant, an organization must:

- ascribe to these [principles of best practice](#) relative to nonprofit governance, finance, public disclosure, and programming;
- have been a recipient of a Dyson Foundation project grant within the past three years (receiving a MAP mini-grant does not meet this criteria);
- have a mission and programs consistent with core funding interests of the Dyson Foundation; and
- have at least three years of stable executive leadership.

General operating support grants are aligned with the grantee's fiscal year. Organizations applying to the Dyson Foundation for general operating support for the first time must submit an initial letter of inquiry no later than six months prior to the start of their fiscal year.

Colleges and universities, hospitals, faith-based organizations, and organizations with annual budgets in excess of \$15 million dollars are not eligible to apply for general operating support grants.

[How to Apply](#) for Dyson Foundation funding.