

2025 Grant Portal Application Questions



Below is the information you will be asked to provide when applying for a quarterly grant using the Northland Foundation's grant portal. You are strongly encouraged to [schedule a brief meeting](#) with Michelle Ufford, Director of Grantmaking, to discuss your project before applying.

1. Proposal title.
2. Proposed start and end date. Note that if awarded, funding is typically dispersed about 4 months after the quarterly deadline.
3. Total amount requested for this proposal.
4. Provide a 2-3 sentence summary of your request.
5. Describe the need or opportunity that your proposal addresses. Include the characteristics of the people to be served and cite any data used to inform your work.
6. Describe in detail the goals and corresponding key activities that will address the need or opportunity.
7. Identify who will be carrying out these activities, including their roles and responsibilities.
8. How are the people and communities you are serving informing the goals and key activities for the proposed work? Include what has been learned and how it has impacted your work.
9. What is the anticipated impact of your work? Include how you will measure and evaluate progress towards your stated goals.
10. How does this work align with the strategic approaches we encourage as described on the Quarterly Grants page of the Northland Foundation website? (these include: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Multi-Generational; Collaboration; and Systems Change. See the 'What We Fund' section of the Quarterly Grants page of our website for more information)
11. Total estimated budget for the work described in this proposal.
12. Counties/Nations this program will serve (select from list).
13. Total annual organization budget. (If large organization, university or unit of government, use department or divisional budget.)

OTHER SOURCES TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THIS WORK *NF always seeks to leverage other funding for projects. Please include all other funding sources being pursued to support this work. Indicate:

- Source of funding related to the work in this proposal
- Requested amount
- Date request was submitted
- Amount committed to date
- Whether confirmed or pending at time of Northland Foundation application

14. Describe your organization's mission/purpose, its work, and organizational experience.
15. How is your organization deepening the equity* skills of your staff and board?
16. How is your organization serving people who have been traditionally under served and under resourced?
17. Attachments:
 - a. Grant request budget (only for program-restricted grants, limited to applicants that are either a governmental organization such as a school district, college/university, or Tribal Nation, or a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that is headquartered outside our region doing work here).
 - b. Board roster
 - c. Annual organization budget (for all applicants)
 - d. 990/Audit
 - e. Fiscal host/sponsor agreement, if applicable (used for applicants that do not have a 501(c)(3) designation)

***The Northland Foundation defines equity** as promoting justice, impartiality, and fairness within the procedures, processes, and distribution of resources by institutions or systems. Tackling equity issues requires an understanding of the underlying or root causes of outcome disparities within our society (*D5 Coalition* <https://www.d5coalition.org/tools/dei/>). Northland Foundation will support work that advances equity in all aspects and is particularly interested in race, income, and geography.