
Frequently Asked Questions

When does the Effective Teaching RFP close?

The Effective Teaching RFP is open from August 14, 2021, to September 14, 2021.

How do we apply?

Communities Foundation of Texas uses an online grant application system. To apply, you will need to create an account, if you don't have one, or login using your existing account. Once logged in, you will be able to see open applications that you may be eligible to apply for funding consideration. Click [here](#) to access the CFT Grants system.

What is the amount of funding we can request? Can we request funding for more than one year?

Yes, applicants can apply for multiple years. The total funding limit that can be requested based on funding category are:

- Promising Practice Research: \$500,000 for a grant period of up to two (2) years
- Strengthening Educator Pathways: \$500,000 for a grant period of up to three (3) years

The above funding limits cover the entire grant period applied for and are not annual amounts.

Who is eligible?

Organizations that hold a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt designation from the Internal Revenue Service that has been active for at least two years as of September 1, 2021 (or have an affiliation with an established tax-exempt organization that is serving as a fiscal sponsor) are eligible to apply. This includes governmental and institutions of higher education, including community colleges. Applying organizations have to be in good standing with the IRS, and not be in violation of any applicable state, local or federal law, ordinance or regulation.

Additionally, at least 50% of the population served must reside in one of the following North Texas counties:

Collin	Cooke
Dallas	Denton
Ellis	Erath
Fannin	Grayson
Hood	Hunt
Johnson	Kaufman
Montague	Navarro
Palo Pinto	Parker
Rockwall	Somervell
Tarrant	Wise

My organization doesn't have a 501c3 at this time, but we have a fiscal sponsor. Can we still apply?

Yes. Organizations that do not have a 501c3 designation but does have a relationship with a tax-exempt organization who acts as their fiscal sponsor is eligible to apply. For profit organizations or individuals are ineligible. For questions on the applying using a fiscal sponsor, please email grants@cftexas.org.

My organization is based outside of the listed counties. Am I eligible?

At least 50% of the population served must be in the listed North Texas counties. If you would like to discuss, we encourage you to sign up for office hours where we can talk about your specific program.

Can we apply for indirect costs?

CFT permits grantees to request funding for direct costs associated with the project, and reasonable indirect costs.

Institutions of higher education, including community colleges and universities, may receive an indirect cost rate of 10% of total direct project costs. Full-time employees at institutions of higher education whose salaries are covered by the institution may not include salary support in the project budget without a detailed justification.

If you have specific questions about your proposal and the budget/costs, please consider signing up for office hours and we can discuss in more detail.

If I have questions about the application or need assistance, who should I contact?

Please consider signing up for office hours using the above link if you want to discuss your proposal before you submit it, or if you have any questions on the RFP. You can also email grant@cftexas.org with any questions or to request assistance on using the CFT Grants system, including resetting your login.

What is the timeline for making decisions?

The application deadline is September 14 2021. We will be reviewing applications through September and October. We have a target to make funding decisions by early November, and we will let applicants know at that time if the application will be moving forward or has been declined.