

2026 Ouray County Community Fund (OCCF) Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

How does OCCF define "transformative or strategic projects" for the 2026 cycle?

For the 2026 grant cycle, we are prioritizing transformative or strategic projects that will be impactful in moving the organization towards resiliency to best serve the residents of Ouray County. Examples of this may be but are not limited to:

- **One-time capital needs:** buildings, renovations, equipment, including technology/software to improve efficiency and build more capacity for the organization.
- **Establishing or expanding programs:** Emergency shelters, transitional housing, and rent/utility assistance to prevent homelessness for those in unstable situations.
- **Funds to address gaps in services and unmet needs in Ouray County:** If moved to full application, be prepared to document the need/gap and support with county/town data.

Can I apply for operational/general support or staffing for my organization?

While we understand and value the need for general support for organizations to thrive, for this grant cycle, OCCF is prioritizing the categories above over general operating support.

What amount should my organization apply for?

Your organization should apply for a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum amount of \$25,000. OCCF's goal is to make fewer, but larger, more impactful grants in 2026, that will help organizations move to more capacity and sustainability to serve Ouray County. If moved forward to a full application, be prepared to document line item budgets that show how this funding will be spent and why that is transformative and strategic.

What is the timeline for spending these funds?

If moved to a full application, and if you receive a grant award, funds must be spent down by September 1, 2027.

Can we apply under another organization's fiscal sponsorship?

OCCF does not encourage organizations which are fiscally sponsored for this specific grant cycle. If your organization applies under a fiscal sponsorship agreement, the following terms must be met:

- The sponsoring organization must be located in Colorado and currently registered and in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State. (Preference for location in Ouray County).
- Sponsored organization must submit the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement/Signed Contract outlining the scope of the work, administrative fees and spending authority. You must also submit Board Resolutions for both organizations authorizing the relationship and approving the signed contract.
- No part of the grant can be used to pay administrative fees to the sponsoring organization.
- If the applicant's LOI is moved on to full application, and if funding is awarded, the grantee organization must submit documentation from the sponsoring organization documenting the restriction and use of funds.

If we missed the September 9th LOI deadline, can we still apply?

Unfortunately, we can only accept LOI submissions until 5:00 PM MT on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.