

2025 Multiyear General Operating Support Grant

The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation

Organization Information & Programming

Organization Type*

Please select the category that best fits your organization. While we recognize that some organizations could be more than one, please select your organization's primary focus area.

Choices

Arts
Arts Education
Student Academic Success

Geographic Area Served*

Select the county or counties where your organization's primary programming takes place. If your organization serves all 4 counties listed in the region, please select "Triangle".

Choices

Chatham
Durham
Orange
Wake
Triangle

Year Established*

Character Limit: 20

Organization Overview*

Please tell us about your organization, including information about the following (though not necessarily in this order):

- Please provide information about the audience(s) engaged through your organization's programs and initiatives. Include a breakdown of demographic information.
- Share information about your organization's approach to providing arts, arts education, or student academic success programs and services. What distinguishes your organization's approach? How does this approach address a specific need within the arts, arts education or student academic success landscape?
- Provide evidence of impact or results.
- How does your organization build community?

Character Limit: 3500

Board Information*

Upload a list of your organization's board members.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Grant Amount Requested

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Please list the total amount requested over a 3-year period. Multi-year grant amounts range between \$15,000 - \$50,000 (for a maximum total amount of \$150,000 over a 3-year period).

MDBF has a finite budget and may not be able to fund the full amount requested. If your application moves forward, MDBF staff will work with your organization to determine the actual requested amount. Please know that there is no penalty for requesting the maximum amount at the LOI stage. We are not using the requested amount information to make decisions about which applications will move forward.

Character Limit: 20

Organization Financial Information

Fiscal Year*

Please provide the end date of your organization's fiscal year (month/date); for example 6/30 or 12/31.

Character Limit: 10

Current FY Budgeted Revenues*

Character Limit: 20

Current FY Budgeted Expenses*

Character Limit: 20

Previous FY Actual Revenues*

Character Limit: 20

Previous FY Actual Expenses*

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Endowment and Investments*

If your organization has an endowment or has investment funds held separately, please list the value. If none, enter \$0.

Character Limit: 20

Current fiscal year operating budget*

Upload your organization's current fiscal year budget; include expenses and revenues.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Commentary on Budget/Finances*

Please tell us anything we should know about your organization's financial position. For example, if your previous year's revenue is lower than your actual expenses, how are you addressing this?

Character Limit: 2500

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility

Organization's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility*

Describe your organization's approach to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

- Please include a description of the diversity that exists among your organization's board and staff.
- How does the staff and/or artists reflect the audiences engaged by your organization?
- Provide any specific inclusion goals for the board and/or staff.
- Include information about volunteers if applicable.

Character Limit: 2500

Organization Life Cycle

We offer grants to organizations across the non-profit lifecycle with a focus on:

Developing Organizations typically have existed for 2-5 years, addressing a clear unmet need or opportunity, have strategic goals, and have begun offering programming.

Organizations at this stage may have limited or no board of directors with staff who are primarily volunteers. Or, their boards may have expanded beyond "friends and family" and are beginning to focus more on governance and less on day-to-day operations. Paid staffing is minimal, typically only an Executive Director and perhaps one or two program staff.

Funding sources are likely not diversified at this stage of development, but the organization may be starting to formalize financial management, volunteer management, program evaluation, fundraising, board development, marketing, and strategic planning as they grow.

Established Organizations are more mature and stable; programs/services are solid and well-recognized with strong and effective leadership. Paid program and administrative staff are in place and the board's focus is primarily policy and oversight. Organizational processes are developed. Revenue sources are more diversified. These organizations may have a well-demonstrated model and data that shows outcomes or is currently executing a plan for evaluation, continuous learning, and improvement.

Organization Lifecycle*

Please select the category that best fits your organization's lifecycle. If you aren't sure, please select one; we will review and let you know if we have any questions.

Choices

Developing Organization

Established Organization

Pivotal Moment

Pivotal Moment*

The foundation's grantmaking goal is to help nonprofits build their organizational capacity and effectiveness in ways that lead to long-term sustainability. Our funding decisions focus on an organization's internal operating goals, strategies, and implementation plans. In assessing applications, we consider the organization's pivotal moment: why is this particular moment the time to focus on the operating goal.

We define pivotal moments as times of inflection, when organizations are in moments of growth, transition, or opportunity and where there is an immediate need to address organizational effectiveness to support long-term sustainability.

What is your organization's pivotal moment? Please provide a brief summary of this defined moment of change and why it is a pivotal time for your organization.

Character Limit: 1000

Pivotal Moment Strategies*

What are 2-3 strategies for addressing your organization's pivotal moment? What is the anticipated timeline for implementing these strategies over a 3-year period?

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