

# Green Door Fund for Workforce Development & Education Grant Opportunity



## FAQ & Key Concepts

### About the Green Door Fund

**Q1:** What is the Greater Fayette Community Foundation's Green Door Fund?

**A:** The Green Door Fund for Workforce Development & Education (GDF) is a Community Impact Fund of GFCF dedicated to strengthening workforce pathways, expanding education opportunities, and improving economic mobility across rural Central Texas.

**Q2:** What are the strategic priorities of the Green Door Fund?

**A:** GDF prioritizes four key areas, and all proposed projects must clearly align with at least one of the following priorities:

- Strengthening regional workforce collaboration
- Vocational and job skills training
- Youth entrepreneurship
- Addressing systemic barriers such as housing, childcare, transportation, and access to services

**Q3:** What geographic areas are eligible for funding?

**A:** Organizations must be located in or provide services to residents within GFCF's rural service area, including Fayette and surrounding counties outlined in the grant guidelines.

**Q4:** Who is eligible to apply for funding?

**A:** Eligible applicants include:

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in good standing
- Collaboratives or coalitions with a 501(c)(3) lead organization
- Resident-led or grassroots initiatives with a fiscal sponsor
- Public entities such as schools, churches, and government organizations

If your organization does not have 501(c)(3) status and you are interested in applying through a fiscal sponsor, **please reach out to Jamie Lee Manning**, Sr. Director of Community Impact, at [jlmanning@greaterfayette.com](mailto:jlmanning@greaterfayette.com) for guidance.

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**Organizational Budget Threshold:** Applicants with total annual operating budgets over \$500,000 are not eligible for Community Impact Grant funding.

- Exceptions: the following applicants may be eligible when applying for a clearly defined, community-serving project or program:
  - Public school districts / ISDs
  - Churches or faith-based organizations
  - Organizations applying on behalf of a specific program or site with an annual budget under \$500,000
- Additional Guidance: Some larger organizations operate smaller, community-based programs or sites. These may be eligible if:
  - The specific program or site budget is under \$500,000
  - The program or site clearly aligns with the purpose of the fund
  - Applicants will be asked to confirm this information during the eligibility check. Responses may determine whether an application moves forward.

**Q5:** How much funding can be requested?

**A:** Standard grants are awarded for 12-month terms, with a maximum award of \$10,000 and no minimum request.

**Q6:** When is the application deadline?

**A:** Applications open June 1 and close June 30 at 5:00 PM.

## Application Process & Timeline

**Q7:** What does the application process look like?

- A:**
- Applications are submitted through GFCF's online portal
  - Reviewed by the Green Door Advisory Council
  - Final decisions approved by GFCF Board of Directors
  - Notifications in August 2026, with funding beginning in October 2026

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**Q8:** What are reviewers looking for?

**A:** Reviewers assess:

- Alignment with workforce and education priorities
- Clear outcomes and community impact
- Feasibility and readiness
- Strong collaboration and partnerships

## Learning, Reporting, and Support

**Q9:** What are the reporting requirements?

**A:** GFCF emphasizes partnership and learning. Grantees will participate in a flexible reporting process that may include a conversation, site visit, or brief written update.

**Q10:** What support is available during the application process?

**A:** GFCF is committed to supporting applicants throughout the process. You are encouraged to take advantage of the following opportunities:

- **Attend in-person workshops across the service area, including:**
  - June 2, 2026 | Fayette County
    - Fayette Public Library: 855 S Jefferson St, La Grange, TX 78945
    - 10:00 - 11:30 AM
  - June 2 2026 | Hays County
    - 5:00 - 6:30 PM
    - Abundant Life Christian Church: 251 Uhland Road, Suite 120, San Marcos, Texas
  - June 3, 2026 | Williamson County
    - 10:00 - 11:30 AM
    - Carver Center in Georgetown: 1200 W 17th St, Georgetown, TX 78626
  - June 3, 2026 | Bastrop County
    - 5:00 - 6:30 PM
    - Elgin Council Chambers/Civic Center: 404 N Main Street Elgin, TX 78621

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- June 4, 2026 | Caldwell County
  - 10:00-11:30 AM
  - Resurrection Life Church: 3460 County Line Road, P.O 54, Dale, Texas 78616
- **Schedule one-on-one support sessions**, available from late May through June. To set up a time, please reach out to **Jamie Lee Manning, Sr. Director of Community Impact**, at [jlmanning@greaterfayette.com](mailto:jlmanning@greaterfayette.com)

## Key Concepts and Definitions

### Workforce Development

Programs and initiatives that build skills, training, and pathways to employment.

### Economic Mobility

The ability for individuals and families to improve their economic status through education, employment, and opportunity.

### Systemic Barriers

Structural challenges that make it difficult for individuals to enter, remain in, or advance in the workforce. These are real-life obstacles that affect daily stability and opportunity. Examples include housing instability, lack of childcare, limited transportation, gaps in access to healthcare or mental health services, unreliable internet, or limited access to training and education.

### Youth Entrepreneurship

Programs that support young people in developing business skills, launching ventures, and gaining real-world experience.

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