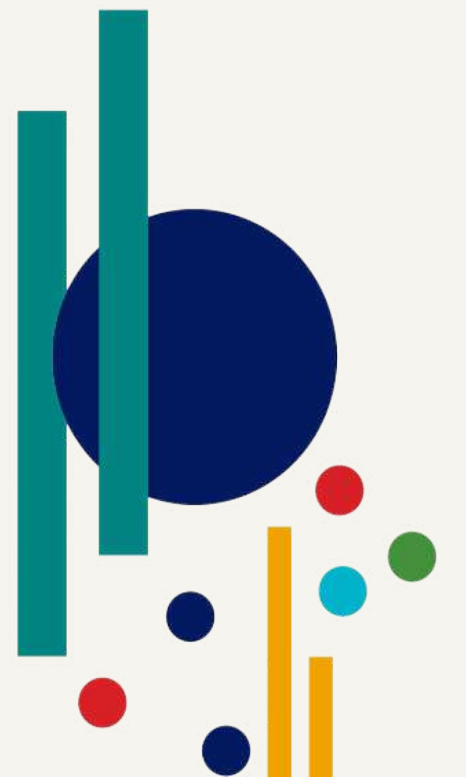
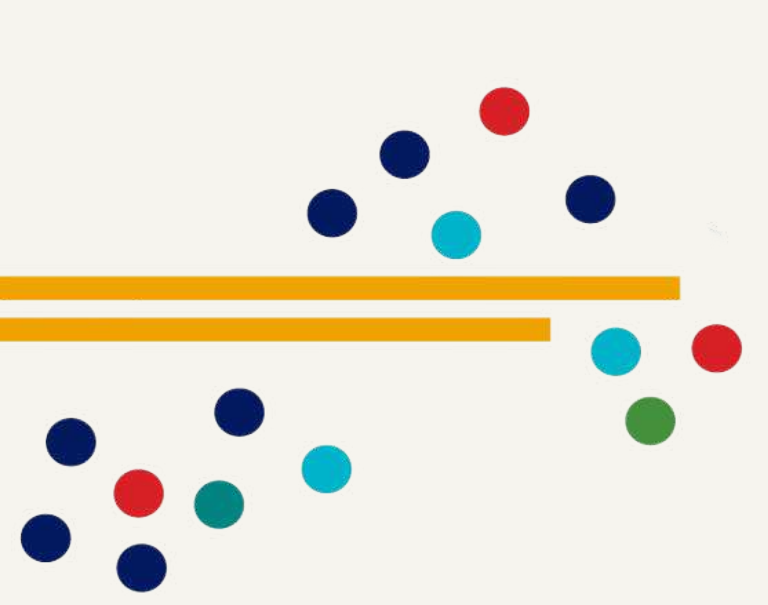




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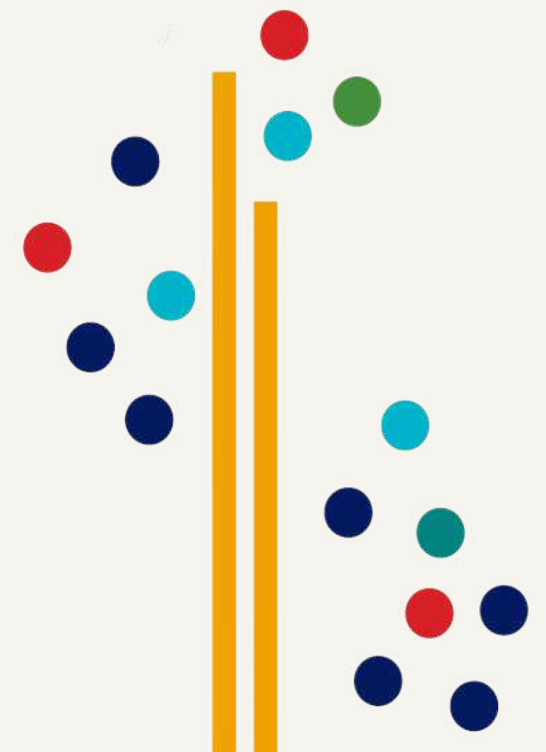
Greater Fayette Community Foundation
May 6, 2026





Purpose of Today's Session:

- Introduce GFCF's Community Impact Program and collaborative grantmaking model
- Highlight the three community-focused funding opportunities
- Walk through eligibility requirements and the application process



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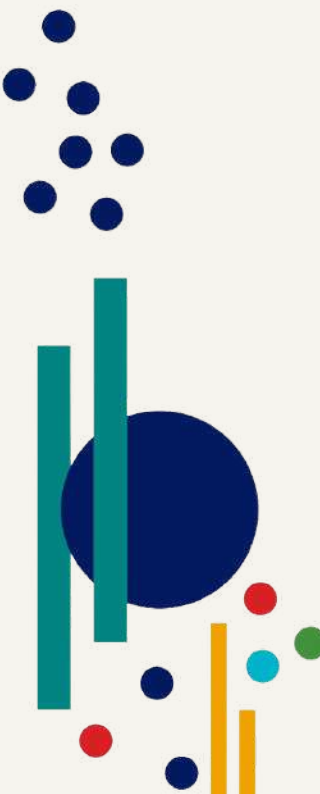
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Helping Others Help Others

Mission

Greater Fayette Community Foundation inspires charitable action, facilitates collaboration, and empowers organizations that strengthen our rural communities.

Vision

We envision a vibrant, inclusive rural community where everyone can thrive, enjoy a high quality of life, and contribute to our region's cultural, economic, and social vitality.

OUR VALUES



Trust Builds Connections

We build real connections based on trust, helping everyone feel confident in exploring new ideas and taking chances.



Relationships First

We value open and honest communication, which helps us build authentic relationships to understand the unique challenges of our rural communities.



Unite with Openness

We know we don't have all the answers. By uniting with others in our community to listen and learn, we gain new insights and ideas to reach our common goals.



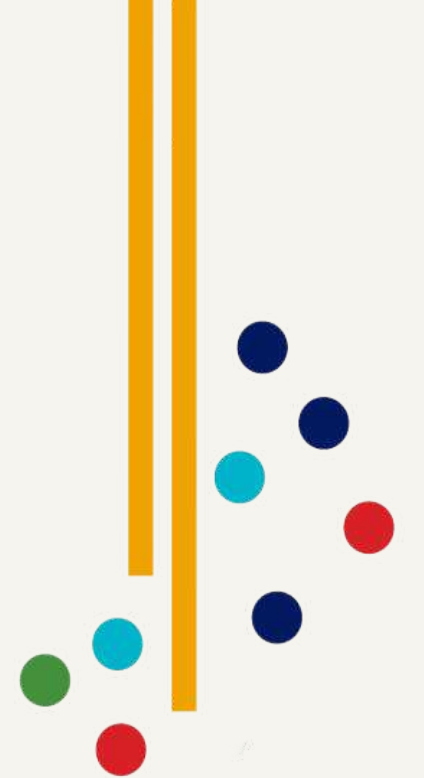
Share Decision-Making Power

We believe that the people closest to an issue should have a say in decisions. We invite our partners and community members to be part of the process.



Treat Everyone Fairly

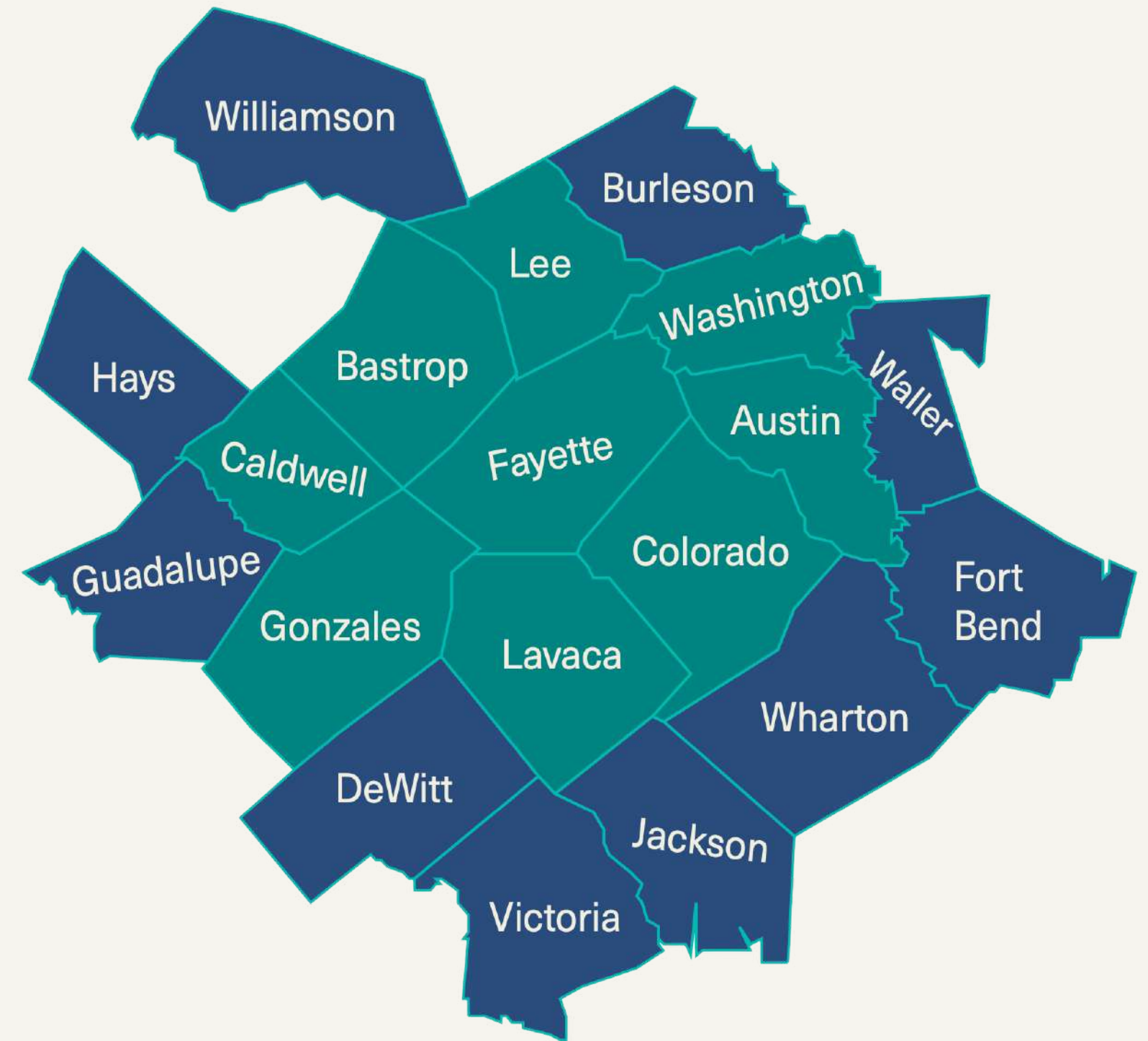
Recognizing that race, economics, and politics can lead to unfairness, we are dedicated to changing these patterns to support a fairer, stronger community.



More Than Just Fayette County

19 County Service Area

- 9 Primary Counties
- 10 Secondary Counties



Greater Funding Reach.
Greater Regional Impact.
Greater Fayette Area.

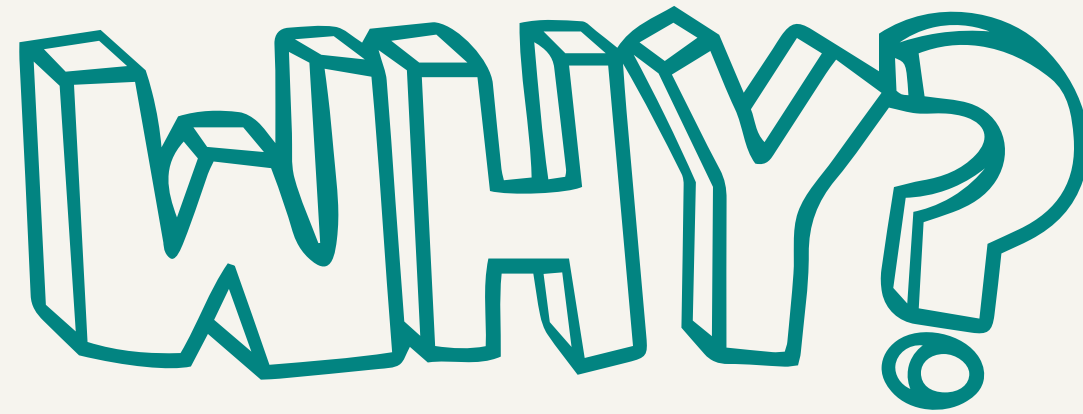
\$343,900

Total Funding to Our Rural Region

The graph to the right shows the distribution of counties receiving funding through our 2025 grant cycle, highlighting the impact of all 39 grants from the Community Impact programs. This funding reflects our commitment to strengthening rural communities and supporting initiatives that align with local needs.

• Hays	12 (15.00%)
• Bastrop	11 (13.75%)
• Caldwell	11 (13.75%)
• Williamson	9 (11.25%)
• Fayette	9 (11.25%)
• Lee	5 (6.25%)
• Colorado	3 (3.75%)
• Guadalupe	3 (3.75%)
• Austin	2 (2.50%)
• Fort Bend	2 (2.50%)
• Gonzales	2 (2.50%)
• Waller	2 (2.50%)
• Washington	2 (2.50%)
• Wharton	2 (2.50%)
• Burleson	1 (1.25%)
• DeWitt	1 (1.25%)
• Jackson	1 (1.25%)
• Lavaca	1 (1.25%)
• Victoria	1 (1.25%)

Navigating the Challenges of Rural Communities Together



Rural South Central Texas faces unique challenges, from limited access to mental health resources to gaps in workforce development and health equity. These issues hinder our communities' ability to thrive. Greater Fayette Community Foundation is committed to addressing these disparities through focused initiatives and strategic partnerships that make a lasting impact.

Community Impact Advisory Councils



David Rodriguez
Wharton County



Tiffany Denham
Fayette County



Pastor Lora Hardway
Caldwell County



Vicki Hudec
Colorado County



Kristin Herzik
Fayette County



Zach Velasquez
Fayette County



Paula Lewellen
Fayette County



Melanie Ramirez
Fayette County



Chanelle Smith
Hubbard
Williamson County



Lee Fritsch
Fayette County



Pastor Fritz
Williams
Caldwell County



Pastor Bernie
Jackson
Bastrop County



Eufemia Rivera
Hays County

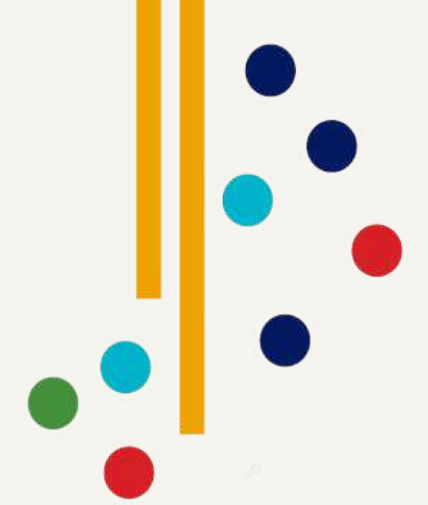


Verónica Serrano
Williamson County



YaLecia LeFlore-
Love
At-Large Seat

Community Impact Model



Reduce disparities in mental health services

Empowering local organizations to expand mental health access, raise awareness, and reduce stigma while ensuring individuals and families can seek help, build resilience, and navigate their journey with dignity and hope.



Foster workforce readiness and opportunity

Equipping local students and professionals with the skills and resources needed to succeed, driving economic growth and opportunity in our rural communities.



Advance rural health and well-being

By targeting social drivers of health, the RCHF invests in grassroots initiatives to advance wellness in underserved rural communities.



Reduce disparities in mental health services

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Grant Terms & Award Amounts

Grant Term:

- 12 months (Standard)

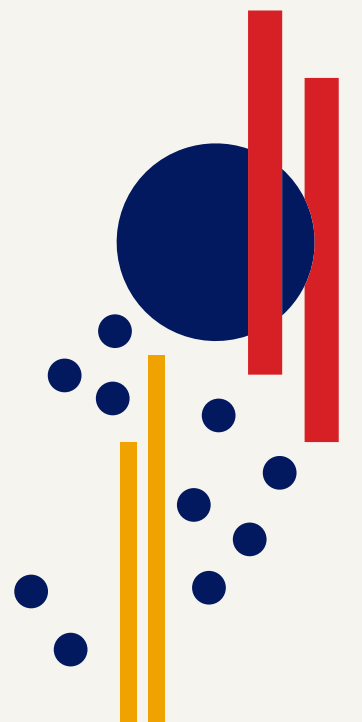
Maximum Award:

- Up to \$5,000

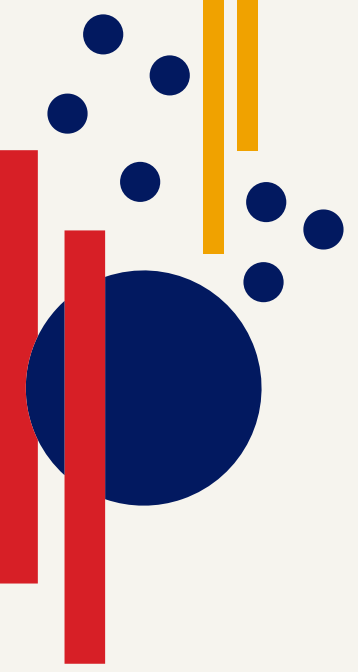
Minimum Award:

- No minimum—request what you need

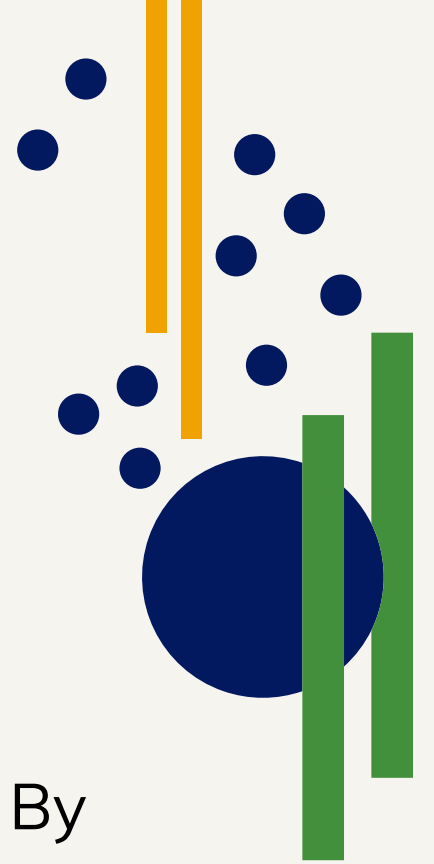
Application Deadline: June 30th 5PM



Funding Priorities



- **Expand Access to Providers:** Support traditional, creative, and peer-based mental health services.
- **Increase Awareness & Education:** Community programs that reduce stigma and build understanding.
- **Improve Affordability & Navigation:** Make services easier to find, afford, and access (via people, print, or digital tools).
- **Strengthen Community Support:** Encourage connection, healing, and resilience in everyday spaces (home, work, school, church).



Foster workforce readiness and opportunity

Strengthening local collaboration, providing vocational training, and empowering youth entrepreneurship. By addressing systemic barriers like housing, childcare, and mental health access, the Fund supports innovative programs that build a resilient workforce and foster long-term community growth.

Grant Terms & Award Amounts

Grant Term:

- 12 months (Standard)

Maximum Award:

- Up to \$10,000

Minimum Award:

- No minimum—request what you need

Application Deadline: June 30th 5PM

Funding Priorities

- **Strengthen Regional Collaboration:** Support cross-sector partnerships that reduce duplication and drive measurable workforce impact.
- **Vocational & Job Skills Training:** Fund hands-on programs aligned with local job market needs—certifications, apprenticeships, employer-led training.
- **Youth Entrepreneurship:** Support mentorship, education, and real-world opportunities for youth-led business ventures.
- **Address Systemic Barriers:** Solutions that tackle workforce challenges like housing, childcare, transportation, and mental health access.





Advance rural health and well-being

By targeting social drivers of health, the RCHF invests in grassroots initiatives to advance wellness in underserved rural communities.

Grant Terms & Award Amounts

Grant Term:

- 12 months (Standard)

Maximum Award:

- \$50,000

Minimum Award:

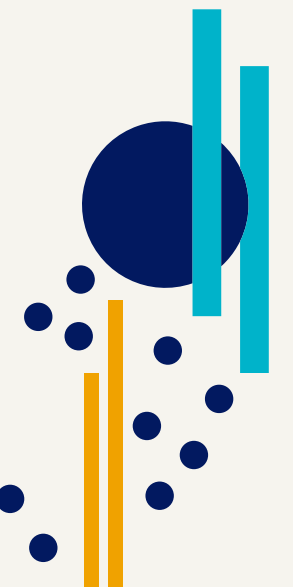
- 10,000

Application Deadline: June 30th 5 PM



Funding Priorities

- **Engage & Empower Residents:** Support community-led projects that build relationships, develop skills, and take action on local health priorities.
- **Build Community Leadership:** Fund hands-on training and mentorship for emerging rural leaders, distinct from organizational leadership.
- **Strategic Innovations:** Test new ideas or redesign programs to improve health and well-being in rural communities.
- **Nonprofit Capacity & Formation:** Help rural leaders strengthen or start nonprofits through training, planning, and leadership support.
- **Participatory Grantmaking:** Fund resident-led networks to manage mini-grant pools and decide how funds are used to improve community health.



Eligibility



Eligible Applicants Must:

- Be located in or serve Austin, Bastrop, Burleson, Caldwell, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, Victoria, Washington, Waller, Wharton, and Williamson counties.
- Be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in good standing

OR

- Partner with a qualified Fiscal Sponsor (e.g., church, school, public charity)

Emerging Groups & Resident-Led Networks

- Collaborations without 501(c)(3) status may apply with a fiscal sponsor

Collaborations or Coalitions

- Two or more nonprofit organizations working together
- At least one must be a 501(c)(3) charitable organization

Eligibility (cont.)

Organizational Budget Threshold

- Applicants with total annual operating budgets over \$500,000 are not eligible

Exceptions

- Public school districts / ISDs applying for a clearly defined, community-serving project or program; churches or faith-based organizations applying for broader community programs; and organizations applying on behalf of a specific program or site with an annual budget under \$500,000 may be eligible for consideration.

Additional Guidance

- Some larger organizations run smaller, community-based programs or sites
- These may be eligible if the program or site budget is under \$500,000
- The program or site must align with the purpose of the fund

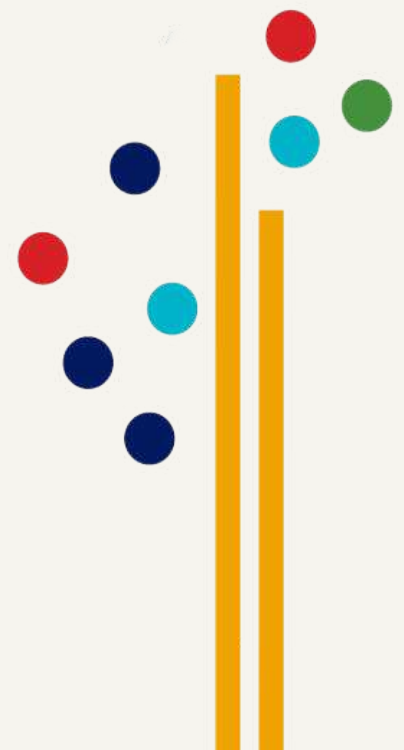
Non-Discrimination Affirmation

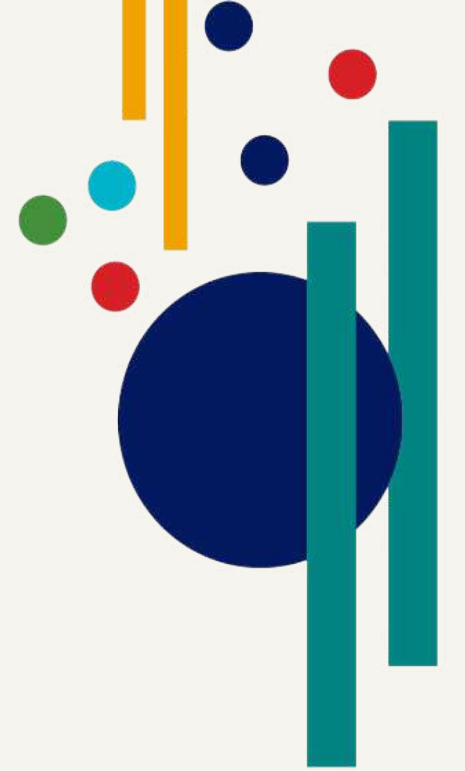
- Applicants must affirm a non-discrimination policy



What We Mean by “Grassroots”?

Community-led, locally rooted, often volunteer-run or fiscally sponsored





Wrap Up Notes

Important Notes for Applicants

- **Funding Restrictions:** GFCF does not fund individuals, endowments, political activities, or efforts to influence legislation or support candidates. Programs that require adherence to specific religious beliefs are also ineligible; however, faith-based organizations serving the broader community may apply.
- **Grant Cycle Limits:** Organizations may receive a Community Impact Grant for up to three consecutive years through the competitive grant process. After three years of funding, they must wait one year before reapplying.
 - For the 2026 Community Impact Grant Cycle, organizations may apply to multiple funds but can only receive one grant per cycle.

Bonus: You can include a short video to strengthen your application!

Tips for a Strong Application

1. Align with Fund Priorities

- Make sure your project clearly fits the fund's focus (mental health, workforce, or rural health and well-being).
- Use plain language to explain what you're doing, who it helps, and why it matters.

2. Center Community Voice

- Show how your project is shaped by local input and lived experience.
- Highlight who's involved—from volunteers to community partners.

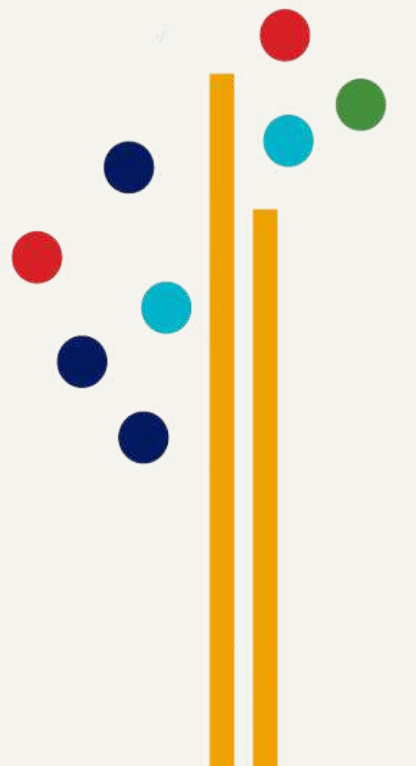
3. Prepare Key Documents

- Project Summary
- Budget
- Financials (IRS 990 or fiscal sponsor agreement)



Fund Timeline

- May 4, 2026: Grant Guidelines posted on the GFCF websites
- May 6, 2026: Information Webinar on grant rollouts
- June 1 - 30, 2026: Application Open Window
- June 2, 3 & 4, 2026: Information In-person Workshops
- June 30, 2026: Application window closes
- July 1 - 31, 2026: **Applications Review**
- August 21, 2026: **Grantee Notifications**
- Aug 24- Sep 25, 2026: Grant Agreements Creation
- September 2026: Grantee Declined Feedback Sessions
- October 5, 2025: Community Impact Grantee Celebration
- October 12, 2026: Grant Term Begins
- October 15, 2027: Grant Cycle Term Ends



Next Steps for Applicants

Important Upcoming Dates:

- May 6, 2026, 10:00-11:00 am Webinar (Zoom Online)
- June 1, 2026, Application goes live on GFCF Website
- June 30, 2026 Application Deadline 5 PM

In-Person Office Hours in Each County:

- June 2, 2026 | Fayette County
 - Fayette Public Library
 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM
- June 2 2026 | Hays County
 - 5:00 - 6:30 PM
 - Abundant Life Christian Church
- June 3, 2026 | Williamson County
 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM
 - Carver Center in Georgetown
- June 3, 2026 | Bastrop County
 - 5:00 - 6:30 PM
 - Elgin Council Chambers/Civic Center
- June 4, 2026 | Caldwell County
 - 10:00-11:30 AM
 - Resurrection Life Church: 3460 County Line Road, P.O 54, Dale, Texas 78616

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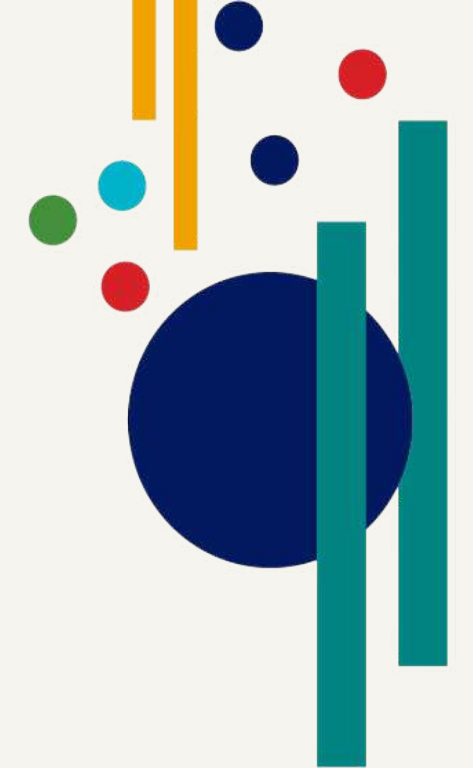
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Empowering Rural Voices

The Empowering Rural Voices initiative is designed to ensure that community members, especially those historically underrepresented, are not only heard but also actively shape the priorities, strategies, and investments of the Greater Fayette Community Foundation (GFCF).

This project aligns listening, planning, and action across the Community Impact Funds to create solutions that are community-owned, practical, and sustainable. At its core, this effort is about shifting from doing for the community to building with the community.

Grounded in 5 Shared Commitments



COMMUNITY
VOICE LEADS
STRATEGY

EQUITY
SHAPES
ACCESS

COLLABORATION
BUILDS
TRUST

CLARITY
DRIVES
ACTION

SUSTAINABILITY
MATTERS