

EQUITY

ADVANCEMENT FUND



Frequently Asked Questions

Does my organization need to be a 501c3?

No, other entities—private, faith-based, community organizations, service clubs, individuals, and similar—may partner with an eligible organization to apply or have alternative options discussed with a staff member.

Do I need to meet with a staff member before applying?

Yes, we ask that you meet with a staff member at least three weeks before the requested deadlines.

Is there a deadline to apply?

Equity Advancement Fund grant applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. However, our staff and grants committee need time to meet with you and review your request. The Equity Advancement Fund Grants Committee will review applications based on the timeline listed below, or until available funds have been allocated.

To meet with a staff member prior to applying, we ask that you schedule at least three weeks in advance.

Quarter 1: Please submit your application by March 1st. Applicants will be notified by mid-April.

Quarter 2: Please submit your application by June 1st. Applicants will be notified by mid-July.

Quarter 3: Please submit your application by September 1st. Applicants will be notified by mid-October.

Quarter 4: Please submit your application by December 1st. Applicants will be notified by mid-January.

**Please note that the first round of applications will be reviewed in quarter 1 of 2024.*

Where can I mail paper applications?

Please mail paper applications to Heart of Indiana United Way, P.O. Box 968, Muncie, Indiana, 47308.

How will applications be reviewed?

The grants committee will use a scoring rubric as a guide to help evaluate applications. However, your application score will not be the ultimate deciding factor in whether a grant is awarded.

Can my organization apply more than once?

Organizations may apply more than once but receive no more than \$2,000 in a single year.

For additional questions or to schedule a meeting, please email C.S. Hendershot at cshendershot@heartofindiana.org.