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MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION

GRANT PROGRAM FAQS



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Border Patrol Foundation Scholarship Recipient



Code.org, Equipping Middle and High School Teachers to Teach Computer Science

GRANT GUIDELINES

Q: Does my organization need to submit an inquiry form?

A: Yes, all organizations interested in receiving a Motorola Solutions Foundation grant must first submit an inquiry form. The deadline for inquiry form submissions is Thursday, February 1, 2024. The Motorola Solutions Foundation team will then select those organizations that most align with our focus on first responder programming and technology/engineering education. These organizations will be notified by late-March 2024 and invited to submit a full 2024 grant application by April 22, 2024.

Q: Can my organization apply for more than one grant?

A: Yes, an organization can submit multiple applications. However, the Foundation will likely fund just one program per organization.

Q: Can I apply for a grant to purchase Motorola Solutions equipment?

A: No, Motorola Solutions Foundation grant funds cannot be used to purchase Motorola Solutions equipment.

Q: Can I apply for a grant to purchase non-Motorola Solutions equipment?

A: Yes, you may apply for a grant to purchase non-Motorola equipment. However, the Foundation prioritizes initiatives that directly engage participants in structured ongoing programming over programs that focus primarily on capital needs and equipment costs. If equipment costs are part of a program's budget, they should not constitute the majority of the program or application.

Q: Can I apply for a grant in support of a one-time event, conference or event sponsorship?

A: The Foundation prioritizes initiatives that directly engage participants in structured ongoing programming over multiple touchpoints, rather than a one-time event. The Foundation does not support event sponsorships through its annual grants program.

Q: Is it acceptable to include administrative fees as part of the grant request?

A: Yes, but only administrative fees that cover the implementation of the program requesting support. Administrative fees should be no greater than 15% for projects from school districts and universities, and no greater than 20% for projects from charitable organizations.

Q: Am I required to complete an eligibility quiz?

A: Yes, organizations must complete an eligibility quiz prior to accessing the inquiry form. The eligibility quiz is intended to be respectful of both the Foundation's and applicant's time by ensuring the program is in line with the Foundation's priorities and has a probability of funding.

Q: Do I need an invitation code?

A: No, organizations do not need an invitation code to submit an inquiry form. However, you will be required to complete an eligibility quiz in order to access the inquiry form.





FDNY Foundation, Youth Workforce Development Program

Q: How strongly does employee engagement affect funding decisions?

A: While employee engagement is not a requirement to apply, the Foundation will prioritize organizations that currently engage Motorola Solutions employees as volunteers or board members, and/or offer our employees future volunteer opportunities.

Q: How much funding can we request?

A: The maximum request amount is \$50,000 USD; however returning grant recipients may request more than \$50,000 USD.

Q: Do you accept applications for multi-year grants?

A: No, we don't accept applications for multi-year grants. However, organizations may apply for a grant year after year.

Q: The organizations in my partnership have different tax statuses. Are we still eligible to apply?

A: Yes, so long as the organization applying for grant funding is registered as a 501(c)3 organization, NCES school or school district in the United States, or is able to provide completed charitable equivalency forms if they are outside the United States.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions about my application?

A: If you have a technical question about the application, click on the "Help" button in the top right corner of the application. If you have a question about program content or eligibility, email foundation@motorolasolutions.com.

Q: Why do I need to have more than one contact listed?

A: Listing more than one contact allows us to reach your organization in a timely manner, especially given how quickly staff roles or positions can change. Please include a contact from the following functions: executive, grant writing and administration. If your email account has a spam filter, add foundation@motorolasolutions.com to your contact list.

Q: How do I determine if someone is a primary participant in my program?

A: A primary participant is someone who directly benefits from the program. For example, in a teacher training program, the teacher is a primary participant and the students are secondary participants. For an after school program, the students enrolled in the program are the primary participants.

Q: How do I determine if someone is a secondary participant in my program?

A: A secondary participant benefits indirectly from the program. For example, in a first responder train-the-trainer program, the first responder enrolled in the program is the primary participant, while the department that they return to and administer training to is the secondary participant.

Q: My organization has a very large operating budget. Do I need to submit the entire budget?

A: No, you do not need to submit your entire operating budget. If available, submit the operating budget for your individual school or department or a summary of revenue and expenses.

Q: Why do you ask for audited financial statements?

A: Audited financial statements allow us to understand the financial health of your organization.





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NOTIFICATION

Q: How will I know the Motorola Solutions Foundation received my inquiry form?

A: You will receive an email confirmation from the Motorola Solutions Foundation once your inquiry form is submitted.

Q: When and how will I find out if my inquiry is approved?

A: You will be notified of our decision via email by late-March 2024. If your inquiry is approved, you will be invited to submit a full grant application.

Q: When will the applicants be notified if they have been awarded a grant?

A: Applicants can expect to be notified of our grant decisions by late-August 2024.

EVALUATION

Q: When do I need to complete a program evaluation?

A: You will be required to complete an evaluation nine months after you are notified of your grant award. You will be notified via email when the evaluation form is available (usually six months after grant notification). Organizations will be required to complete a program evaluation, or at a minimum, provide a program update if the program is in progress and has not yet concluded.

Q: What is expected for the evaluation process?

A: The organization should be able to demonstrate how their program will deliver results through quantifiable metrics. Specific outcome reporting will be required of all grant partners.

