

2025 SUMMER FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



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INTRODUCTION

Meyer Memorial Trust is pleased to announce our **2025 Summer Funding Opportunity**, which will accept applications between **June 17, 2025 and July 22, 2025**. This call for proposals reflects our mission to accelerate racial, social and economic justice for Oregon's lands and peoples.

This funding round will offer a total of \$7.2 million across three issue-based portfolios — **Our Collective Prosperity, Our Empowered Youth, Our Resilient Places** and our strategic initiative, **Together We Rise** — to support movement-building, systems change and community-led solutions across the state.

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This funding opportunity is intended to resource organizations and collaboratives advancing justice through organizing, policy advocacy and systems transformation. These movement-building efforts are essential to dismantling the root causes of inequity and building an Oregon where all communities — especially those most impacted by injustice — can thrive.

In 2024, Meyer made significant multi-year funding commitments, which means this year's open call is more focused in scope. The open funding opportunities in this round target specific strategies aimed at long-term change.

Our Collective Prosperity will invest in work to close the racial wealth gap and support multi-generational asset building.

Our Empowered Youth seeks to build community power for educational justice, with an emphasis on community organizing.

Our Resilient Places will focus on community organizing and power-building for frontline communities most impacted by climate change and environmental injustice.

Together, We Rise will fund organizing infrastructure — leadership development, base-building and civic participation, particularly in rural or coastal communities.

Across all four focus areas, Meyer is committed to supporting BIPOC-serving and community-rooted work that builds the conditions for long-term, transformative change.

ABOUT MEYER MEMORIAL TRUST

Meyer Memorial Trust is one of the largest private funders in Oregon, with current assets of approximately \$880 million. Since its founding in 1982 through the estate of Fred G. Meyer, the foundation has awarded over \$1 billion to more than 3,800 organizations.

Meyer's approach to philanthropy is rooted in a commitment to justice. We fund and partner with communities to strengthen movements, transform systems and meet urgent needs while pursuing structural change. Beyond the check, we support complementary strategies such as convening and capacity building. Grantees may be invited to participate in shared learning, technical assistance or collaborative efforts to strengthen our collective impact.

Meyer challenges itself and its partners to adapt, innovate and stay responsive to the evolving needs of Oregon's communities. We meet grantees where they are on their equity and justice journeys and encourage ongoing reflection and progress.

CONTEXT FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY

We are living in a time of extraordinary uncertainty. Communities across Oregon are navigating an increasingly volatile social and political climate marked by threats to civil rights, deepening economic inequity and the growing impacts of climate change. In this moment, many of our grantee partners are working under intense pressure, unsure of how to sustain their organizations or safeguard their communities. These are not abstract challenges — they are urgent and lived realities.

While no single funder or institution can fill every funding gap or need in Oregon, Meyer believes that resourcing people-led movements and organizing can help Oregonians to build the better world we want to live in.

Meyer's Summer Funding Opportunity is rooted in this belief. History teaches us that what shifts policy and transforms institutions is not perfect legislation or a single campaign — it's sustained movement work. It's meetings, conversations, trainings and coalition-building. It's people choosing to act, together.

With that in mind, this year's opportunity focuses on core strategies that build community power and resilience in the face of compounding crises. Together, these opportunities represent more than \$7 million of Meyer's \$48 million in grantmaking for 2025. The remaining funds support our long-term commitments, collaborative efforts and strategic partnerships.

At this critical moment, our aim is not just to provide resources — it is to seed the slow, steady work of organizing, building and imagining. We invite you to join us in this work. We believe, even now — especially now — that a stronger Oregon is still possible.

OVERVIEW & TIMELINE

Applications Accepted	June 17 - July 22, 2025
Deadline	July 22, 2025 at 5 p.m. PDT
Award Notifications	November 2025 - January 2026

Maximum Funding Request

Maximum \$200,000 per year. We anticipate that the average grant will be ~\$100,000.

Grant Duration

Applicants can request funding for 12 months. Collaboratives may request 12-24-month grants.

Eligible Participants

- 501(c)(3) public charities
- State, local and tribal governments
- Faith-based organizations
- Fiscally sponsored charitable projects

Types of Awards

- Operating support grants (for 501(c)(3) public charities only)
- Project support grants (for all eligible applicants)

FUNDING AREAS OVERVIEW

Our Collective Prosperity | \$1.5 Million

About the Portfolio

To advance economic justice and improve the well-being of Oregonians who have been historically excluded from building intergenerational wealth, we must take a holistic approach — one that champions communities, strengthens movements and transforms unjust systems. *Our Collective Prosperity* focuses on closing Oregon’s persistent racial wealth gap, supporting families and promoting housing justice.

Funding Goals

This year’s opportunity is focused on one bold goal: **closing the racial wealth gap**. We are prioritizing community-driven work that targets the root causes of economic injustice. A subset of the portfolio’s overall goals and strategies are outlined in the chart below. Applicants will be required to select one goal and strategy that best aligns with their proposed work to be considered for funding.

Goals (Choose One)	Strategies (Choose One)
Close the Racial Wealth Gap	Support coalitions, initiatives and research focused on economic justice and systems change
	Advance equitable opportunities for entrepreneurs
	Promote just employment with access to livable wages, benefits, worker protections and career pathways
Support Thriving Families	Promote multigenerational asset-building

Examples of Work We May Fund

- Advocacy, organizing, coalition-building and research that shift the policies and structures driving economic inequality
- Culturally specific programs that support micro and small businesses: from technical assistance and access to capital, to programs that build long-term sustainability
- Efforts that support workers' rights, offer legal protections and create meaningful pathways to living-wage jobs, not just job training, but career-building
- Multigenerational asset-building efforts like matched savings, direct cash programs, community ownership, baby bonds and other wealth-building strategies

We Won't Fund

- One-off events (like expos or networking luncheons), construction or renovation of business spaces, direct grants to individual entrepreneurs or youth and artist programs that lack a clear business development component
- Basic employment services like resume support or interview preparation, general career coaching or case management or unpaid youth internships
- General financial education that lacks a cultural or asset-building potential, wraparound social services or capital expenses related to construction
- Health-related initiatives, including clinics and behavioral health programs

Our Empowered Youth | \$2.6 Million

About the Portfolio

Meyer believes the strength of our communities is rooted in the well-being of our young people. Through *Our Empowered Youth*, we support strategies that ensure Oregon's children have access to a fully resourced education — one that empowers them to reach their highest aspirations. Our focus is on efforts that build community power, expand opportunities for historically marginalized students and support educators and leaders who reflect the diversity of the students they serve.

Funding Goals

Community organizing is our top priority in this year's funding opportunity. We're looking for organizations that are building power to influence education policy, hold decision-makers accountable and uplift narratives to make schools more just and equitable for all students.

We also want to continue supporting work that advances racial equity in education like culturally specific programs that close opportunity gaps or efforts to grow and retain educators of color across Oregon. However, we will allocate a smaller portion of our grant dollars for these efforts.

A subset of the portfolio's overall goals and strategies are outlined in the chart below. Applicants will be required to select one goal and strategy that best aligns with their proposed work to be considered for funding.

Goals (Choose One)	Strategies (Choose One)
Build Power for a Thriving Education	Strengthen community capacity to engage in systems and policy change for educational justice
Cultivate Educators and Leaders that Reflect our Diverse Youth	Increase leadership opportunities for youth and community to advocate for educational justice

Examples of Work We May Fund

- Building a base of community leaders to shape policies at local school districts
- Developing narratives about the importance of an equitable public education
- Efforts to strengthen community organizing infrastructure

We Won't Fund

- Arts and music programs
- Afterschool programs
- Educator Professional Development
- Athletic programs

Our Resilient Places | \$1.5 Million

About the Portfolio

Our Resilient Places prioritizes care for Oregon’s environment in ways that center both culture and community. This work aims to ensure that our lands, waters and historically marginalized communities are resilient in the face of the climate crisis. We will support projects that build power and capacity in frontline communities, advance a just transition to regenerative economic practices and affirm BIPOC communities’ deep connections to the land.

Funding Goals

This year, our funding is focused on a single goal: building power with frontline communities for climate and environmental justice. Specifically, this means we’re supporting community organizing because we know organizing is what fuels movements, strengthens wins and sustains long-term change.

A subset of the portfolio’s overall goals and strategies are outlined in the chart below.

Goal	Strategy
Build Power with Frontline Communities	Sharpen frontline communities’ advocacy and leadership skills

Examples of Work We May Fund

We’re looking for the type of community organizing that:

- Grows a base of directly impacted communities
- Supports climate and environmental justice organizers of color to sharpen their skills
- Provides political education that leads to strong issue campaigns and victories
- Brings supporters together to shape campaigns and programs that advance climate and environmental justice, and
- Builds long term organizing infrastructure

This could look like:

- Starting or beefing up an organizer training program
- New or existing collaborations advancing a climate or environmental justice campaigns
- Activating a larger base for a campaign
- Creating an intentional space for organizers to network and deepen relationships

We Won't Fund

- Groups that are not explicitly focused on power building within the climate justice/environmental justice space

Together, We Rise | \$1.6 Million

About the Initiative

Together, We Rise is dedicated to building long-term power in communities most impacted by injustice. Instead of focusing on single issues, this work strengthens the collective capacity for action and sustains the conditions where justice can take root and thrive. We support leadership development, civic engagement, community organizing and movement infrastructure — especially efforts that serve Black, Indigenous, immigrant and refugee communities. By investing in the people and networks driving change, Together, We Rise helps foster a stronger democracy and a more just Oregon.

Funding Goals

For this funding opportunity, we are supporting movement builders, working outside of the three portfolio issue areas, whose work to advance justice includes:

Grassroots community organizing that builds and engages a base of directly impacted people over the long-term
Leadership development that builds skills, capacity and networks for active engagement in movements for justice
Focused efforts to build solidarity and connect movements across issues, populations or geography

We will prioritize work that is rooted in rural or coastal communities outside the Willamette Valley.

Examples of Work We May Fund

- Building a base by bringing impacted community members together to understand their experiences and provide political education

- Creating an intentional space for community leaders and organizers to learn together, network and deepen relationships that support their movement work
- Popular Education leadership training
- Organizing and partnerships that create strategic connections between communities

We Won't Fund

- Standalone leadership development programs that are disconnected from active engagement in social change work
- Collaborations that don't foster ongoing community power building
- Work design and implementation without active ongoing participation of the communities most impacted
- Organizing that is focused on issues that fall within the scope of Meyer's three portfolios: Our Collective Prosperity, Our Empowered Youth and Our Resilient Places

APPLICATION PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY

Meyer will accept applications from the following types of organizations:

- 501(c)(3) public charities
- State, local and tribal governments (including public schools)
- Tax-exempt faith-based organizations
- Fiscally sponsored charitable groups or programs

Additional Eligibility Requirements

In order to start an application, you will be asked to confirm that the applicant organization(s) meet the following general eligibility requirements:

- Meyer will only fund work that takes place in or otherwise benefits people in Oregon.
- Meyer funds cannot be used for proselytizing.
- In addition, applicants must comply with Meyer's policy regarding nondiscrimination.

Types of Grant Support

Meyer plans to make the following types of grants under this funding opportunity:

Project Support grants are available to all eligible applicants. These grants will provide funding for specific charitable projects. Applicants must clearly outline the project's planned activities and anticipated outcomes, and provide a project budget as an attachment to the application.

Operating Support grants are available to 501(c)(3) public charities with clear alignment to the goals of this funding opportunity. Operating support grants provide funding to support the overall operations of the organization, allowing flexibility in how the funds are used to achieve the organization's mission and goals.

TO APPLY

All applications for the 2025 Summer Funding Opportunity should be submitted through the Giving Data portal, accessible through the “Apply” page on Meyer’s website:

<https://mmt.org/apply>.

First-time users must create a grantee portal account. Returning users will be prompted to log in with their grantee portal user name and password. For more information about using the grantee portal, check out this [quick guide](#).

Applications must be completed and submitted through the grantee portal by the deadline. Meyer will not accept emailed applications. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding.

Organizations may submit only one application and must choose one of Meyer’s four focus areas to apply under: Our Resilient Places, Our Collective Prosperity, Our Empowered Youth or Together, We Rise. Meyer will accept one additional application from organizations that are serving as the lead in a collaborative or are acting as a fiscal sponsor. Applicants will select the one goal and strategy that best aligns with their proposed work.

Application Form	Goals	Strategies
Our Resilient Places	Build Power with Frontline Communities	Sharpen frontline communities’ advocacy and leadership skills
Our Empowered Youth	Build Power for a Thriving Education	Strengthen community capacity to engage in systems and policy change for educational justice
	Cultivate Educators and Leaders that Reflect our Diverse Youth	Increase leadership opportunities for youth and community to advocate for educational justice

Our Collective Prosperity	Close the Racial Wealth Gap	Support coalitions, initiatives and research focused on economic justice and systems change
		Advance equitable opportunities for entrepreneurs
		Promote just employment with access to livable wages, benefits, worker protections and career pathways
	Support Thriving Families	Promote multigenerational asset-building
Together, We Rise	Grassroots community organizing that builds and engages a base of directly impacted people over the long term	
	Leadership development that builds skills, capacity and networks for active engagement in movements for justice	
	Focused efforts to build solidarity and connect movements across issues, populations or geography	

PROJECT BUDGET

Budget Format and Template

Applicants requesting project support grants must upload a project budget with their application.

The provided budget templates are optional. You can submit your project budget in any format as long as it includes the required information for each application type.

- [Project Support](#)
- [Fiscal Sponsorship](#)
- [Project with Lobbying](#)
- [Collaborative Project](#)

Allowable Costs Include

- Employee salaries and benefits
- Cost of services (contractors and consultants)
- Project supplies and materials
- Equipment necessary for project delivery
- Travel expenses related to the project
- Other direct costs that are necessary for supporting the proposed project
- Administrative or indirect costs associated with carrying out the project

Unallowable Costs

- Expenses incurred prior to the grant start date
- Capital improvements or construction costs
- Lobbying activities. See the “Projects with Lobbying” section of this document for more information
- Voter registration activities
- Efforts to support or oppose candidates for political office

Indirect Costs

Your budget may include indirect costs (sometimes referred to as administrative costs, facilities and administration costs or overhead costs). An indirect cost rate can be used to recover a portion of real expenses that you anticipate your organization will incur in managing the grant that are not easily assignable to the project via standard accounting methods; for example, costs of administrative personnel and supplies, and the costs of operating your office or other facilities.

We encourage all organizations seeking project support funding to include an indirect cost rate in their budget that is at least 10% of the project’s direct costs. If your organization has negotiated an indirect cost rate with a state or federal agency or other funder, you may use it on the project budget. Organizations that do not have negotiated indirect cost rates may estimate these costs.

FISCALLY SPONSORED PROJECTS

Instructions for Comprehensive Fiscal Sponsors (Model A)

In a Model A (Comprehensive) Fiscal Sponsorship, the proposed program seeking funding has no separate legal existence apart from the fiscal sponsor, and the project described in the grant application is essentially an internal program or division of the sponsor. The sponsor employs or contracts with the program's staff and manages all funds directly. Programs operating under a comprehensive fiscal sponsorship (Model A) are eligible for funding under this opportunity as long as the sponsor is an eligible 501(c)(3) public charity. Note that the guidance following this section of the CFP only applies to Model C fiscal sponsorships and Model A applicants may follow the regular (non-fiscally sponsored) guidance.

Tip: Model A/Comprehensive fiscally sponsored programs should **apply under the name of their fiscal sponsor** and indicate their **organization type as 501(c)(3) public charity** on the Application Type page of the application form.

Instructions For Pre-Approved Grant Fiscal Sponsors (Model C)

In a Model C (Pre-Approved Grant) fiscal sponsorship, the sponsored project is implemented by an organization legally separate from the fiscal sponsor. Before applying for funding, the fiscal sponsor must pre-approve the project as aligning with its charitable mission and enter into a fiscal sponsorship agreement with the project's organization. In this model, the fiscal sponsor serves as the grantee, retaining discretion and control over the use of funds and providing oversight. If awarded, the work may be carried out by the external sponsored organization, which is selected and supported by the fiscal sponsor as a means of advancing its own charitable mission.

Tip: Model C/Pre-Approved Grant fiscal sponsorship should **apply under the name of the sponsored organization** and indicate their **organization type** as “**fiscally sponsored project**” on the Application Type page of the application form.

Pre-Approved Grant Fiscal Sponsors (Model C) Application Submission and Award Process Overview

Eligibility

The **fiscal sponsor** must be a 501(c)(3) public charity currently in good standing with the tax-exempt status described in IRC Section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) and the organizational capacity to manage the grant and oversee the project.

Grant Type Available

- Project support grants

Additional Required Information

- Project budget showing how grant funds would be used (including fiscal sponsor's administrative/management rate)
- Organizational and financial information about both the sponsored group and the fiscal sponsor
- An active fiscal sponsorship agreement covering the proposed project

What We Look for in a Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement

A fiscal sponsorship agreement is a signed agreement between the fiscal sponsor and sponsored organization, outlining how they will work together and each organization's responsibilities to the other in carrying out the charitable project.

The fiscal sponsorship agreement should reflect the following:

- The fiscal sponsor must retain ultimate control and discretion over how the grant funds are used (sometimes referred to as “variance power”).
- The fiscal sponsorship arrangement must be formally approved by the authorized leadership of both organizations.
- The agreement should remain in effect for the full duration of the anticipated grant and encompass the purposes of the proposed grant project.

Process

Application submission: Please note that the application form can only be accessed by one grantee portal user prior to submission. While an individual from either organization may create and submit the application, **Meyer expects that the fiscal sponsor will have approved the substance of the proposed charitable project.**

If the application is awarded, the fiscal sponsor will be the grantee. This means that the fiscal sponsor would:

- Receive and sign the grant agreement to accept the grant;
- Receive payment(s) from Meyer and control disbursement of the grant funds;
- Have overall legal responsibility for ensuring the grant funds are used in accordance with the terms of the grant and in furtherance of the charitable grant purpose;
- Maintain regular communication with the sponsored organization or group and ensure that grant reports are submitted to Meyer.

The sponsored organization would:

- Carry out the charitable project at the direction of the fiscal sponsor;
- Provide reports and information as requested by the fiscal sponsor and Meyer;
- Maintain regular communication with the fiscal sponsor and notify them of any significant changes that impact the project.

More Resources

- [Nonprofit Association of Oregon Guide to Fiscal Sponsorship](#)
- [National Network of Fiscal Sponsors](#)
 - [About Fiscal Sponsorship](#)
 - [Guidelines for Pre-Approved Grant Relationship Fiscal Sponsorship](#)
- Examples of Fiscal Sponsorship Agreements
 - [Sample 1](#)
 - [Sample 2](#)

COLLABORATIVES

Meyer welcomes collaborative applications for this funding opportunity. An organization may submit a second application as a part of a collaborative, even if it is also applying for its own work or already has an active Meyer grant.

Eligibility

All collaborative partners must be eligible to receive a direct grant from Meyer. This means each partner must be one of the following types of organizations:

- A 501(c)(3) public charity
- A state, local, or tribal government
- A tax-exempt faith-based organization

Meyer seeks to support collaborations that are well-structured, with clearly defined roles, a shared purpose and strong commitment from all partners. We prioritize collaborations that embed equity in how they operate — ensuring inclusive participation, transparent decision-making, and equitable sharing of power, resources and responsibilities.

Additional Required Information

- The legal name and tax ID of each collaborator must be listed in the application form to aid eligibility verification.
- A project budget is required, which shows the plan for how funds will be allocated and used by the collaborators.
- The collaborative will be asked to briefly describe the history, relationship and alignment between the organizations.
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the collaborators should be uploaded to the application. This letter can take any format, but a sample can be found [here](#).

Collaborative Grant/Subgrant Structure

Collaborators are responsible for carrying out the project funded by the grant. We envision they will work together to use their discretionary judgment in planning and carrying out the work, evaluating progress towards the objectives they've set for the project and contributing reflection on the overall success and challenges of the project in the final grant report. If awarded, Meyer will list the approved collaborators as subgrantees in the grant issued to the lead grantee.

The collaborative should select a lead collaborator who has the capacity to manage the administrative and financial aspects of the work. The lead collaborator should be listed as the applicant organization.

The lead collaborator will receive the grant from Meyer and be legally responsible for the administrative and financial management of the grant, including deciding how to disburse the funds to the other collaborators and ensuring that the terms of the grant are met, including coordinating submission of the grant report(s).

The lead and non-lead collaborators should enter into subgrant agreements or service contracts before grant funds are disbursed to clarify the understanding of how the organizations will work together and to ensure grant funds are used for their intended purpose.

Consultants and Vendors

You may include known contractors, vendors or individual consultants in your application and proposed budget. However, they will not be considered collaborators or subgrantees. While their work may support the project's goals, they are not responsible for overall planning, decision-making or evaluation.

Please note: The selection of consultants and vendors is entirely up to the applicant. Meyer does not earmark grant funds to pay specific consultants or vendors.

GUIDANCE FOR FAITH-BASED APPLICANTS

Faith-based organizations are only eligible for project support grants from Meyer due to a directive in Fred Meyer's will, the document that established Meyer Memorial Trust.

Meyer recognizes the important work that faith-based organizations accomplish in many communities and can support specific charitable programs/projects by faith-based groups as long as they do not require attendance or participation in religious or faith activities as a condition of service delivery or employment.

Project support grants are available for this type of work and faith-based applicants will be asked a few additional questions about any faith-based requirements for board members, staff or volunteers.

PROJECTS WITH LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

If you are applying for funding for a project that includes lobbying, the specific guidance in this section of the document applies. This section only applies to project support grant applications and does not apply to operating support grant applications.

Definitions and Legal Compliance

In the performance of the grant, applicant organizations are required to know and comply with the applicable federal, state and local regulations governing lobbying for their organization type. For the purposes of this application, lobbying activities should be determined according to the lobbying definition in federal tax law.

In general, lobbying is any attempt to influence the passage or defeat of specific legislation (including ballot measures) through communications with a member or employee of a legislative body, or any government official or employee who may participate in the formulation of legislation. It includes both direct lobbying, where the communication is with policymakers, and grassroots lobbying, where the communication is with the general public to influence their opinions and actions. Meyer is not able to fund lobbying activities due to IRS regulations.

While Meyer can fund charitable projects that include lobbying activities, **Meyer will only fund the non-lobbying portion of the work.** Please note that your project should have a clear, primarily charitable purpose and lobbying may only be a minor component of the project, not the main focus.

Additional Required Information

- You must indicate the proposed project includes lobbying activities on the Application Type page of the application form.
- Provide a project budget that breaks out the lobbying and non-lobbying costs of the project by project year. A sample template can be found [here](#).
- The requested Meyer grant amount must be less than the non-lobbying portion of the budget for each year of the project. Your application should support this in both the project budget attachment and in the grant and project amounts listed on the Grant Request Details page of the application form.

KEY TERMS

Collaborative grant: a grant to support a shared project that will be undertaken by two or more nonprofit organizations.

Lead Collaborator: the organization that is applying for the grant will receive funds from Meyer and will be legally responsible for the administrative and financial management of the grant.

Non-lead Collaborator: an organization that will be responsible for carrying out a significant portion of the project funded by the grant.

Other contributor: an organization or individual that will provide services in support of the shared project.

Direct costs: costs that are directly attributable to the charitable activities that would be funded by the grant. For example, the salary and benefits for the time a staff member spends working on the grant-funded project.

Faith-based organization: a nonprofit entity affiliated with a religious group, spiritual belief or house of worship that operates for charitable, educational or social purposes, and that meets the requirements of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. They are automatically considered tax-exempt and are not required to apply for and obtain recognition of exempt status from the IRS.

Fiscal sponsorship: an arrangement through which a project or organization without tax-exempt status — but which could qualify for exemption — partners with a 501(c)(3) public charity in order to receive grant funding for a charitable project. Two common models are listed below:

Comprehensive/Model A: this type of fiscal sponsorship is when a program or charitable group is hosted **within** a nonprofit organization that has legal and financial responsibility for it. The project operates as part of the fiscal sponsor's organization, is subject to its policies and the fiscal sponsor hires or contracts with the project personnel.

Preapproved Grant/Model C: in this type of fiscal sponsorship, the organization carrying out the project is **legally separate** from the fiscal sponsor. The sponsor

pre-approves the project for funding after determining that the work is charitable and aligns with their mission. Although the project is run independently, the sponsor retains ultimate authority over the grant funds to ensure they are used for charitable purposes.

Government entity: an organization or agency that is established by a government or authorized by law to perform specific functions or exercise governmental powers. This includes tribal governments that are tax exempt under IRC 7871, federal, state, local governments and entities such as public universities and education service districts.

Grant: funding to support work that serves the public good — like education, science or other charitable purposes

Indirect costs: (sometimes referred to as administrative costs or overhead). An indirect cost rate can be used to recover a portion of real expenses that a grantee will incur in managing the grant, and which are not easily assignable to the project via standard accounting methods. For example, a portion of an accountant's time or a portion of the cost of operating your office or other facilities.

Lobbying: Any attempt to influence the passage or defeat of specific legislation (including ballot measures) through communications with a member or employee of a legislative body or any government official or employee who may participate in the formulation of legislation. It includes both direct lobbying, where the communication is with policymakers, and grassroots lobbying, where the communication is with the general public to influence their opinions and actions. Meyer is not able to earmark funds for lobbying due to IRS regulations.

Operating support grants: unrestricted grants that provide funding to support the overall operations of the organization, allowing flexibility in how the funds are used to achieve the organization's mission and goals.

Project support grants: grant funding restricted for a specific charitable project.

Public charity: a type of nonprofit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). They are formed and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary or similar purposes.

Regrant (or subgrant): when the grant received from Meyer is disbursed to other eligible organizations as grants. This means the Meyer grantee acts as a grantmaker, using the funds to support others in carrying out significant portions of the charitable work that the Meyer grant is

funding. Collaborative applicants should note that regranting must be approved by Meyer in the grant agreement.

Service contract: a service contract is used to obtain specific goods or services to help the grantee fulfill the grant's purpose. The contracted organization or person is not being funded to carry out their own charitable work. Instead, they are being hired to help the grantee do its work. Unlike a grant/subgrant, which supports charitable work without requiring something in return, a service contract involves a clear exchange — the contractor delivers something like consulting, event planning, research or software in exchange for money.

Voter registration: activities designed to encourage individuals to register to vote, assist them in the process or provide information about when, where and how to register. Meyer is not able to earmark funds for voter registration efforts due to IRS regulations.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Meyer Apply Page](#)
- [Grantee Portal Quick Guide](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)