

# Immediate Opportunities and Needs Grants FAQs

## **What are Immediate Opportunities and Needs (ION) Grants?**

Immediate Opportunities and Needs grants are designed to provide just-in-time help for occasional, one-time needs. The work of nonprofit organizations and government agencies is unpredictable – especially when dealing with factors that contribute to the overall health and wellness of people. Sometimes an unexpected challenge arises that requires an extra investment to overcome. Sometimes unexpected opportunities present themselves and organizations may need a little help to take full advantage of them.

## **What will Immediate Opportunities and Needs Grants Support?**

Immediate Opportunities and Needs grants will support one-time, immediate needs or opportunities for 501(c)(3) organizations and government or tribal entities. Examples of need might be replacing a piece of equipment, repairs to a building or vehicle, or purchasing much needed new computers or software. Examples of an opportunity might be hiring consultants to support strategic planning, fundraising plans, or a special IT project. If you are unsure whether your request will qualify for an Immediate Opportunities and Needs grant, please feel free to ask! Contact [IONgrants@dht.org](mailto:IONgrants@dht.org).

## **How much funding is available?**

Grants during the inaugural round of funding will range from \$500 to \$25,000

## **How often will Dogwood Health Trust make Immediate Opportunities and Needs grants?**

Right now, we are still determining how many rounds of Immediate Opportunities and Needs grants we'll make each year.

## **Can we apply for more than one need during each grant cycle?**

Although we understand that needs and opportunities are many, we can only accept one request per organization, per grant cycle. We consider all entities operating under a single tax identification number to be one organization.

## **What will Immediate Opportunities and Needs grants not fund?**

Immediate Opportunities and Needs grants are not designed to support ongoing programs or general operating expenses. Grants will not be awarded for endowments, capital campaigns, political causes or candidates, advertising, debt retirement or activities or projects that have already been completed. By law, we cannot make grants to individuals.

### **Are you looking for specific kinds of organizations?**

We will accept applications from any size (small, medium, or large) organization that is aligned with our work to improve health and wellness and address the social determinants of health in our region. In addition, our goal is to make at least one grant in each of the 18 counties and tribal lands within our service area. Further, we intend to allocate at least 30% of ION grants to proposals that advance equity or reduce disparities.

### **The application contains questions on diversity. What are some examples of diversity?**

Examples of diversity include (but are not limited to) race, ethnicity, level of education, gender identity, age, immigration status, sexual orientation, employment, geographic location, veteran status, socioeconomic status, or disability status.

### **How often can my organization apply?**

Once your organization has received an Immediate Opportunities and Needs grant, you may not re-apply during the next cycle. However, if you have not received ION funding, you may continue to apply during each grant cycle.

### **How do we apply?**

The grant application is short, simple, and available online at [dht.org/ION-grants](https://dht.org/ION-grants). If you have any technical difficulties or challenges accessing or completing the online application, please call (828) 771-7983.

### **What kind of reporting is required if I receive an Immediate Opportunities and Needs grant?**

We only ask that you provide us with a simple report that shares the story of how the money was used and the impact it had for your organization.

### **What's the timeline for applying?**

Applications for the current (Spring 2020) Immediate Opportunities and Needs grant cycle are due by 5:00 pm, January 15, 2020. Awards will be decided within 30 days, and grants will be payable in early March 2020. We will announce future grant deadlines as they are available.

### **Whom do I contact to discuss an application or to learn more?**

Contact [IONgrants@dht.org](mailto:IONgrants@dht.org).