



EDUCATION M-PACT FUND
CYCLE 1 WEBINAR FAQ RESPONSES

This document addresses questions submitted during the Cycle 1 webinar. Please see the FAQs section of the M-Pact Fund webpage for additional information.

Eligibility

- Do you fund research projects aligned with the strategic priorities/focus areas, or are you more interested in funding program implementation?

Our priority is for the implementation of programs or projects. Limited funding may be available for research projects.

- Will you consider policy/advocacy projects?

Policy/advocacy projects are not eligible for funding at this time.

- Are nonprofits eligible for funding, or only schools / education institutions?

Any organization that meets the eligibility criteria outlined on the webpage is eligible for funding, including nonprofits. We encourage eligible nonprofits to apply.

- Are nonprofit childcare centers eligible?

Yes, as long as they meet the eligibility criteria outlined on the webpage. As a reminder, an education focus and reportable outcomes are required; therefore, centers focused solely on childcare are not eligible.

- Are private/independent schools eligible?

Yes, as long as they meet the eligibility criteria outlined on the webpage.

- If you are a part of a collaboration(s) can you apply separately and through collaborations?



With limited funding available, we will be aiming to diversify our grantee recipients. We therefore recommend applying through only one pathway (either individually or as a collaboration).

- Our organization operates in multiple Texas cities. Can we apply as a state entity or should we focus on a single region?

Applying at the state level would most likely strengthen your application. Refer to the Selection Process section of the webinar for more details.

- What if you are applying as a network of Texas affiliates for a national organization, all with separate 501c3s?

If you are applying on behalf of multiple entities, you must designate a single entity as the application lead and detail other participants in the application form. The lead will be the main contact for the application and be responsible for activities related to grant contracts, reports, funding, etc.

- Are faith-based entities eligible?

Yes, as long as they meet the eligibility criteria outlined on the webpage.

- Can a certificate from a local community college be considered as postsecondary education?

Yes. For further requirements, please reference the specific criteria of the postsecondary success pillar as outlined on the website.

- If we are declined in cycle 1, when can we re-apply for cycle 2?

If funding is declined, you may choose to resubmit your application for that project/initiative after one year. However, you may submit an application for funding of a separate project or initiative within the next cycle, as long as it is substantially different from the declined request.

- Can the grant be used to cover more than one area or program within our organization?

Yes, though it is not recommended unless the programs are strongly related. Application reviews will be conducted based on the entirety of the request, with approvals or declines issued for the application as a whole rather than specific projects within it.



- If a multiyear grant is awarded, can the institution submit another project for consideration next year while the approved project is being paid out?

With limited funding available, we will be aiming to diversify our grantee recipients. As of now, you are able to apply again, but the likelihood of funding will be reduced if you have an active grant from The Moody Foundation.

- Do you prefer existing projects or new/innovative initiatives?

Both are eligible. We anticipate funding a mix of innovative and established initiatives.

- If we do not have audited financials, will we be disqualified?

If you do not have an audit, there is an option to submit an explanatory letter. If you do have a completed audit(s), you must submit those with your application.

Strategic Pillars and Focus Areas

- Are you able to address both pillars in one request?

Yes, addressing more strategic pillars and/or focus areas may strengthen your application. However, note that you must be able to report on outcomes as a result of your work in order for it to qualify as aligning with a particular pillar or focus area.

- Can the Early learning application include Early Literacy and Math or just Early Literacy?

The Fund's priority for the K-3 space is Early Literacy. Including other program components will not disqualify you; however, primary consideration will be given to the Fund's strategic pillars and focus areas.

- Can you speak to the age range for the postsecondary success focus?

The postsecondary success strategic pillar encompasses grades K-12 and postsecondary activities. Please see the description of this pillar on the webpage for additional details.

- As the M-Pact fund grows, do you foresee any of the focus area shifting or expanding?

While this is a possibility, we anticipate maintaining the current strategic pillars for the foreseeable future.



Financials

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- Budgets two to three years out won't yet be board approved. Can these numbers change?

Yes. We understand that future year budgets will be approximate. You may add a note on the budget with the anticipated approval date.

- Would third party consultants or evaluators be able to be covered with the funding?

Yes.

- If we ask for a certain amount, will you award less?

Request amounts are a guidepost for our consideration. Trustees may approve grants with award amounts that are lower than request amounts shared in the proposal.

- Should travel costs to the grantee convening and participation in the grantee network be included in the proposal budget submitted?

No, these will be assessed and paid out separately after grant contracts are completed. You should not include grantee convening or network costs in your budget.

- Does the foundation prefer projects that are already partially funded? Are you open to being the sole funder for a project?

Support from other funders may be a plus. The main consideration will be your plan for sustainability of the project if/when funds from the Moody Foundation would expire.

Other

- What is the difference between funding cycle 1 and funding cycle 2?

The only difference between the two cycles is the timeline.



- If the project measures more than one metric, are we still to choose only one in this section?

We encourage applicants to choose multiple metrics when able. Demonstration of a robust set of outcomes and accompanying evaluation process will be a key factor in application reviews.

- Can you speak to the letters of support? Who should those come from?

There are no specific requirements for who submits a letter of support. Our purpose in reviewing these letters is to better understand your organization's reputation and impact. Sample authors could include leaders of school districts with which you work, government officials who support your work, and customers/participants who have benefitted from your services, among others.