

2023 Public Meeting Questions

1. How frequent can past awardees be eligible for another NHCE grant?

We currently do not have any specific restrictions on past awardees being eligible for new grants. Any new grant cannot be more than 50% of an organizations operating budget.

2. Do unchosen applicants need to actively reach out to obtain feedback?

Yes. We welcome the chance to speak with every applicant. Collaboration is a core value, and we want to work with as many local nonprofits as possible on sustainable solutions to our challenges.

3. What type of guidance or follow up is relayed to applicants not chosen?

If you're aligned with our strategic plan, we want to work with you. That starts with engagement with the Endowment staff. We urge local nonprofits to reach out to set up meetings to share feedback and ideas.

4. How many award cycles are anticipated for 2024, and beyond?

We anticipate going to a rolling grant cycle.

5. Is there any limit to how many times an entity applies/wins a strategic grant opportunity?

The Endowment does not currently have limits on how many times an organization can apply for grant opportunities.

6. Any suggestions for additional opportunities for those not chosen during this cycle?

We are putting together a funder meeting in the coming months to discuss our strategic plan and where outside funding can enhance the work being done in New Hanover County. We understand the need for resources and want to help leverage other funders to support our nonprofit partners. It is important that the Endowment do more than just provide grants and convening state and national funders is part of that effort.

7. Will there be any rubric available for what was critiqued during each award cycle?

We do not plan to share our rubric, but we are happy to sit down with organizations individually and discuss the 2023 application and opportunities to collaborate.