





FAQs for ONE Lexington Gun Violence Reduction Grant FY25

Where is the grant application and when is it due?

The grant application is entirely digital and available for review and submission by clicking <u>here</u>.

Applicants can save and resume their work directly in the link, but please note that all **applications must be submitted and received through that link by Friday, April 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM. There will be no exceptions**, so mark your calendars now and plan to submit early. Anyone who submits an application will receive an automated response letting you know it was received.

Why must programs and projects serve young people ages 12 – 29?

Over 70% of those engaged in and impacted by gun violence fall within this age range, so we want to make sure that we are putting dollars where they will have the most impact.

Why are there three different funding tiers?

We wanted to offer organizations of all sizes and project scales an opportunity to submit. Please be advised that the questions on the application form will change based on which tier you choose. Please make sure you have made the correct selection on the form.

Can I submit multiple applications?

No. Organizations may only submit one application. The maximum amount that any organization will receive is \$7,500.

If an organization has agreed to act as a fiscal agent for another applicant whose group doesn't have its nonprofit status, can the fiscal agent still apply for grant funding?

Yes. But we want to point out that there can be no guarantee that either or both organization's proposals will be selected for funding.

Additionally, if a fiscal agent chooses to take a fee for their services, the fee amount should be worked out between the two parties and get included in the budget of the sponsored group's proposal, under the category listed as "Other."

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Is indirect cost an allowable expense for this project?

Yes. If your organization has an indirect cost rate you may use it, or you may use the 10% de minimis rate.

When would I need a fiscal agent?

Applicants with a 501(c) 3 nonprofit status and in good standing with the Secretary of State do not need a fiscal agent. ONE Lexington wanted to make it possible for organizations that do not have a nonprofit status to still apply for grant funds. So, if your organization does not have nonprofit status, to apply you will need to ask a 501(c)3 organization if they would be willing to accept the funds on your organization's behalf—this is referred to as a fiscal agent. An organization can submit its own grant application and still be named as a fiscal agent in another application.

How do I know if my organization is in "good standing"?

For Community Action Council to issue funds, the recipient must be deemed active and "in good standing" by the State of Kentucky. <u>This web link</u> will help you check your status.

I do not have a Form 990, but my organization has a 501(c)3 status. What should I submit instead of a Form 990?

You can submit a copy of your organization's annual operating budget.

When will the funding allocation happen?

Assuming approval of ONE Lexington's FY 25 budget, funds should be awarded in one lump sum to selected grant recipients in July. To receive funds, all selected applicants must have signed a Purchase of Service Agreement with the city of Lexington and provided an updated W9 form to Community Action Council.

What is the deadline to expend funds?

All funds must be expended by June 30, 2025.

Is grant writing assistance available?

We believe you are the best person to tell the story of your organization; however, if you would like to learn more about any writing resources available to you, please contact Devine Carama at <u>dcarama@lexingtonky.org</u>.

If funded, is there a point of contact for this grant?

ONE Lexington's Kenneth Payne will be the main point of contact and plans to visit programs/activities during the year.

What is Community Action Council's role in this grant opportunity?

<u>Community Action Council</u> (CAC) is partnering with ONE Lexington and the city to provide administrative support and a grant review panel for this opportunity. Since so many gun violence-related organizations in the city have personal and professional ties to ONE Lexington, CAC will serve as an impartial selection board along with other community groups who are working in the space. Please be advised that CAC does not directly work in gun violence reduction, so please make sure your responses are tailored to an audience who may not know much about your organization, project, or neighborhood.