

McCune Charitable Foundation Open Application Cycle Overview



The McCune Charitable Foundation is dedicated to enriching the health, education, environment, cultural and spiritual lives of New Mexicans. Details of the various open application grant opportunities are detailed in this document. All grants will be

unrestricted, general operating grants and must benefit New Mexicans. Organizations can apply for only one grant per year, regardless of category.

Grant Categories

Name:	Cultivate	Focus (Multi-year)	
Amount:	\$15k	\$105k (3 yrs, \$35k/yr)	
Best for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seed or pilot project On-going support for aligned organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established organization Work highly aligned with Foundation priorities Demonstrated collaboration with other organizations 	
Application Process:	Annual Open Application Cycle August 15 - September 15 No Invitation Required	By Invitation Only Invited organizations will submit an application within the August 15 - September 15 timeframe according to instructions provided by the Foundation by email.	
Reporting Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End-of-year report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End-of-year report (each yr) 	
Approximate Grants :	60 - 70	60	
Grant Term:	12 months	36 months	



Cultivate

The *Cultivate* grant is intended to provide a basic level of support for: a) innovative, experimental and/or pilot work that requires a relatively low level of funding to get off the ground or test an idea; or b) established organizations or programs that are aligned with

Foundation priorities and are working towards increased alignment. Applying organizations should specify a specific body of work within their overall mission that supports McCune Foundation priorities and leverage points over the 12-month period supported by the proposed grant.

Most competitive for this category:

- Work that takes place within a discrete timeframe and is aligned with Foundation priorities and frameworks. (1 - 2 years).
- Start-up non-profit organization or pilot work that could evolve into high impact solutions.
- Established non-profits seeking to pilot or test a new program/idea or building higher levels of alignment with Foundation priorities and other organizations.

Requirements:

- Open-cycle application. No invitation required.
- End-of-year report.
- Grant is for 12-month term with no assurance of additional years of funding.

Amount:

- \$15,000



Focus (Multi-year)

Multi-year Focus grants provide support to organizations that align closely with Foundation priorities and values and demonstrate shared work as a core approach to their work.

Most competitive for this category:

- Established organizations (**at least 1 full-time staff member or contract position and in existence for a minimum of 2 years**) that have missions and work that are highly-aligned with Foundation priorities and frameworks.
- Demonstrates active collaboration with other organizations (i.e., actions by organization staff actively impacts or supports partner programs or work).
- Seeking to grow an innovative high impact solution (take on organizational risk that cannot happen at a lower funding category) or work to deepen collaborations with other aligned organizations.

Requirements:

- By Invitation Only.
- End-of-year report each year of the 3-year grant period.
- Grant is for 36-months term. Upon the end of this term, Multi-year Focus grantees may apply in the Cultivate grant category during the open cycle that follows, but will not be considered again for multi-year funding for a year.

Invited organizations will submit an application within the August 15 - September 15 timeframe according to instructions provided by the Foundation by email.

Amount:

- \$105,000 (\$35,000 for each year of the 3 year grant period).

NOTE: Organizations seeking smaller grants (offered on a rolling basis) should refer to the Grantseekers FAQ (<https://nmmccune.org/grant-eligibility/#faq>) for instructions on how to submit a request.