



# The Third Path

Community Foundation of Grant County  
2021-23 Cohort



## Guidelines for Cohort Application

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All applications must be received  
by 11:59 pm EST on February 12, 2021

## Overview

The purpose of this implementation grant is for nonprofit organizations in Grant County to build back better following the COVID-19 crisis by leveraging a Third Path and deepening the relationship between two or more organizations while simultaneously increasing the capacity of Grant County nonprofit leaders.

Organizations awarded in this grant cycle will enter into the Third Path Cohort, a 3-year, capacity-building relationship with the Community Foundation of Grant County.

## Potential Award Amount

Proposal funding requests must range between \$2,500 and \$50,000.

## Deadline

The deadline to request funding is 11:59 pm EST on February 12, 2021.

## Third Path Cohort

### Year One:

Organizations who receive a Third Path Cohort Implementation Grant will receive funding and a tailored capacity-building program for a variety of tracks: CEO (or Board President), CFO (or Treasurer), Development Director (or Board/Staff member in charge of marketing), Program Officer (or Board/Staff member in direct contact with clients), and Board.

**Note:** A calendar of capacity-building programming by tracks will be provided for Year One, with the link to the Implementation Grant application, after you've attended the Design Thinking Session on January 15, 2020 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm via Zoom.

At the end of Year One, organizations will present what they accomplished with their funding, and what they plan to achieve the following year in a quick 20-minute presentation. Organizations will also prepare a simplified application for a non-competitive Implementation Grant to be awarded in January 2022 for Year Two. Organizations may request up to the original, Year One, requested amount.

### Year Two:

For six months into Year Two, the Foundation will continue to host tailored, monthly capacity-building programming. During this time, the Foundation will survey the cohort and utilize the feedback to build a customized, capacity-building curriculum for the following 18 months. At the end of Year Two, organizations will present what they accomplished with their funding, and what they plan to achieve the following year in a quick 20-minute presentation. Organizations will have a simplified application for a non-competitive, Implementation Grant to be awarded in January 2023 for Year Three. Organizations may request up to the original, Year One, requested amount.

### Year Three:

For the final Third Path Cohort year, the Foundation will continue to host monthly capacity-building programming tracks using feedback from the cohort. At the end of Year Three, organizations will present what they accomplished with their final year of cohort funding in a quick 15-minute presentation.

## Applicant Eligibility Requirements

### To be eligible, the applicant(s) must be the following:

A private, nonprofit, tax-exempt organization incorporated and in good standing with the State of Indiana and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that serves Grant County.

### Ineligible applicants

1. For-profit organizations
2. Specific political parties or candidates
3. Individuals
4. Organizations that have an open grant with the Community Foundation
5. Organizations that a revoked nonprofit status with the IRS at any time during the application process

### Eligible Expenses

Any expense that is used to deepen the relationship between two or more organizations. (See the Relationship Spectrum.)

### Ineligible Expenses

1. Profit-making enterprises
2. Religious projects/programs that benefit a specific church
3. Reimbursements for paid expenses

## Year One Application Process and Review

1. Attend the informational webinar on October 19, 2020 at 10:00 am EST. If you miss this opportunity, watch the recording at [GiveToGrant.org/Grants](https://www.givetogrant.org/grants).
2. After identifying the organization(s) in which you'd like to advance your professional relationship based on mission, vision, or target audience, sign up for the Design Thinking Session at [GiveToGrant.org/Grants](https://www.givetogrant.org/grants).  
**NOTE:** You cannot apply for Implementation Grant funding unless you attend this session.
3. Attend the Design Thinking Session held on January 15, 2021 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm via Zoom. Organizations are required to attend this Design Thinking Session with both Board and Staff representation from each partnering organization.
4. Once organizations have attended the Design Thinking Session, a link to the Third Path Grant Application as well as the calendar of the Year One capacity-building tracks will be emailed to each participant. The application will be open from January 15, 2021 until February 12, 2021 at 11:59 pm EST.
5. The Community Foundation Board of Directors will review each application to finalize award decisions.

## Year One Award Information

Organizations who apply will receive notification regarding this grant on February 26, 2021. If selected to receive an award, each partnering organization must complete an acceptance agreement and meet with Meagan Mathias to review the conditions of the grant and sign the grant agreement.

## Reporting Requirements

Organizations will have an annual opportunity to tell their grant impact story by presenting at our High 5 Zoom event each fall. Your High 5 presentation will allow organizations to show the impact of the grant and provide an overview of your implementation plan for the following year.

## Ready to Apply?

The application submission process begins Friday, January 15, 2021, after the Design Thinking Session is complete. Only applications submitted via the Community Foundation's online system will be accepted, except in the case of ADA accessibility accommodations.

- For technical concerns with the online grants system Kaleidoscope, contact Addie Stiff at [addie@mykaleidoscope.com](mailto:addie@mykaleidoscope.com).
- For Third Path Cohort Grant questions, or accessibility accommodation requests, contact Meagan Mathias, Community Investment Manager at [Meagan@GiveToGrant.org](mailto:Meagan@GiveToGrant.org).