



# Rooted Together — FAQ

Albuquerque Community Foundation

Category	Question	Response
ELIGIBILITY	What entities can apply?	Public educational institutions, government agencies, tribal governments, and charitable organizations granted tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for a minimum of three years. Exceptions may be made for spinoff organizations and organizations operating under an eligible fiscal agent.
	How many proposals can one entity submit?	Each entity can submit one proposal only per cycle.
	Are collective/ collaborative proposals accepted?	Yes, however, only one proposal per project will be accepted. The collaborating entities must select a lead organization to submit the application and receive the grant funds, if awarded.
	Can an organization be a part of multiple collaborative proposals?	Yes, but only if each proposal represents a separate project and is submitted by a different entity.
	Are entities based outside the Foundation's four-county service area eligible to apply?	No, to be eligible to apply, an entity must be based in Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance, or Valencia County. Exceptions may be made for entities with a significant presence in the four counties proposing a place-based project in the four counties. However, the organization's relationship with the community is a large component to the evaluation of the proposal.

How many awards will be made?	One grant will be awarded every two-year cycle. This highly competitive program will enable the Foundation to make a significant, multi-year investment that catalyzes lasting community change.
What is the award amount?	Awards will be a minimum of \$200,000 over two years. Amounts will vary depending on the fundraising success of Foundation staff.
Does the proposal need to be for a new initiative?	The proposed project can be in any stage of development but must be bold and visionary.
Can this grant be used for a capital campaign or narrative change/advocacy?	Yes, funding can be used flexibly within the scope of the proposal as long as the project is place-based and poised for long-term, high-impact community change.
How will applications be evaluated?	A panel composed of members of the Foundation's Community Impact Committee, Advancement Committee, and Board of Trustees will score applications using the <a href="#">Rooted Together rubric</a> . After scoring applications, panelists will convene to make a funding decision.
What does the Foundation mean by "neighborhood and/or community involvement?"	The Foundation acknowledges that the terms "neighborhood" and "community" have several connotations, but for the purposes of this program, the Foundation seeks proposals with a specific geographic focus that are—in other words—place-based.
What does the Foundation mean by "place-based?"	The Foundation has outlined <a href="#">five key points of place-based efforts</a> : collaboration, community-centered approach, community participation in feedback and evaluation, local focus, and long-term impact. We envision a project highly concentrated in a specific neighborhood.
How does the term "neighborhood" apply to rural and tribal contexts?	Recognizing the diversity within its four-county service area, the Foundation has no preset definition or qualifying characteristics for a neighborhood and instead provides space for applicants to establish the specific geographic area for their project.
What kind of impact is the Foundation looking for?	Strong proposals will demonstrate the potential to drive long-term, high-impact change.
When is the kickoff event?	Friday, October 17, 2025, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

How can letters of support be submitted with the application?

Instructions for requesting letters of support are included in the online application form with more details in the [Third-Party Workflow](#). If your supporters have difficulty submitting their letters via the grant application portal, please direct them to email their letters directly to [grants@abqcf.org](mailto:grants@abqcf.org).

When inviting someone to “Collaborate” on an application, is the collaborator required to create their own profile/password?

Yes, to provide proper permissions for the person you are adding as a collaborator, you also need to select the permissions this person will have (e.g., can view, can edit, or can submit). For a step-by-step walkthrough of the process, a [see the collaboration applicant tutorial](#).

Is there someone available I can work with for help/feedback on my grant application?

Unfortunately, Foundation staff members cannot offer feedback on applications prior to the panel review process. Prior to the review process, we can respond to any questions about the program, and following the decision process, we can share feedback to the content of the application. If you have questions regarding your application, please contact us at [grants@abqcf.org](mailto:grants@abqcf.org).