



Capacity Building Mini-Grants: At a Glance

Who is Eligible?

501(c)(3) organizations located in and providing service to McLennan County may be eligible to apply. Priority will be given to community based organizations but consideration will be given to other nonprofits (e.g. private schools) on a case by case basis.

What Kind of Activities Will You Fund?

The foundation will consider providing grants to help nonprofits with:

- Advancing collaborative work/efforts (e.g. collective impact)
- Audit completion*
- Fiduciary oversight/internal controls (small & large organizations)
- Fund development planning (board specific activities)
- HR issues
- IT/Software needs
- Mergers/restructuring
- Organizational assessments
- Organizational or program evaluation
- Promotions (website or PR/marketing plan development)
- Staff/board professional development**
- Strategic planning

The Foundation understands that some nonprofits have established good client-consultant relationships they may want to continue, but does ask that every applicant seeking financial support for a consultant secure a minimum of two bids for the service in question. Foundation staff can help you identify potential consultants if needed.

*Organizations that are conducting their first audit or that are changing audit service providers and need help covering a gap in fees may be eligible for support.

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How does the Funding Work?

Applicants will be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 over a period of three consecutive years, with no more than \$2,500 being awarded in any fiscal year (Waco Foundation's fiscal year runs from April 1 – March 31). As with all Foundation awards, mini grants are intended to cover services not yet rendered. Retroactive projects will not be funded.

Repeat funding (consecutive awards within a three year period) will be determined by a number of factors including available funds, other requests under consideration, demonstrated financial need and the degree to which the effort not only supports organizational learning, development and mission completion; but also strengthens the organization's impact on its field of service and the larger nonprofit community.

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Requests to cover activities or services previously funded by the Foundation's capacity building mini grant program will only be considered under special circumstances.