

Kentucky Housing Corporation

NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE KHC STRATEGIC OPERATING GRANTS

Funded with KHC Discretionary Funds

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Introduction and Notice of Funds Available

Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) is pleased to announce a funding application process to nonprofit partners across the state for modest operating grants. This is a somewhat new approach for KHC, as in the past operating grant requests have been received and decided upon outside of a formal application process.

The following guidelines govern grants awarded in August 2023 and concluding in December 2024. Applications must be submitted through KHC's online [Universal Funding Application](#).

KHC will select the organizations and projects to fund using the following as guidelines. KHC reserves the right to alter the guidelines at its sole discretion.

Funding Round Timeline

NOFA Announced & Application Opens in KHC's Universal Funding Application (UFA)	August 1, 2023
Grant deadline	September 1, 2023
Awards announced	September 22, 2023
Funds available	October 10, 2023

Universal Funding Application (UFA)

Applicants **MUST** submit a complete application along with attachments by 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, September 1, 2023, via KHC's online UFA: wapps.kyhousing.org/UFA/User/Login. Applicants should not send any application components to KHC staff via electronic mail, traditional mail, or facsimile. KHC will send an e-mail notification to the applicant once the application has been transmitted successfully.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Nonprofit 501c3 headquartered in Kentucky.
2. Must have been in operation for a minimum of 2 years.
3. Must have active projects/activities/partnership with KHC in the past 24 months and/or provide essential statewide/regional advocacy in the areas of affordable housing and/or fair housing.
4. Must be in good standing with KHC:
 - a. No outstanding fees, reports, loan payments, etc.
 - b. No unresolved compliance issues.
5. **Recipients of KHC HOME CHDO operating grants are not eligible.**
6. Must not be on the federal debarred list.
7. Only one application may be made per organization.

Public Information and Open Records Act Requests

Applicants are advised that materials contained in applications are subject to the requirements of the Kentucky Open Records laws at KRS 61.870-61.884, and application materials may be viewed and copied by any member of the public. Applicants seeking to claim a statutory exemption to disclosure from open records requests must place all documents viewed as confidential in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential." If an open records request is made for any of the application materials, KHC will make an independent determination of confidentiality and may or may not agree with the applicant's determination regarding the confidentiality of the materials.

KHC STRATEGIC OPERATING GRANTS OVERVIEW*

Purpose	To provide modest operating grants for efforts related to affordable housing production and/or essential statewide/regional advocacy for affordable housing and/or fair housing. KHC’s aim is for funding to accomplish one or more of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Further a unique/innovative initiative or community partnership. 2. Increase organization’s long-term capacity to partner with KHC. 3. Leverage other funding to increase optimal strategy. 4. Advancing racial equity to achieve equitable outcomes.
Funding Source	KHC discretionary funds
Application Fee	None
Geography	Anywhere in the Commonwealth of Kentucky
Maximum Funding Request	Up to \$25,000 <i>Roughly 10-15 organizations will be awarded annually**.</i>
Maximum Frequency:	Once per year. In general, it is not KHC’s aim to offer year-after-year ongoing operating grants to the same organizations unless part of a multi-year initiative.
Form & Term of Assistance	Grant agreement covering 12 months.
Eligible Applicants	Non-profit organizations with demonstrated capacity and experience who are in good standing with the Commonwealth and KHC.
Evaluation Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alignment with KHC’s strategic, policy, and/or programmatic priorities. 2. Potential for funding to accomplish the purpose and aims outlined above. 3. Appropriateness of request: Is there another funding source—within KHC or otherwise—more appropriate for the proposed use? 4. Further preference will be given to proposals that incorporate innovative strategies to increasing housing supply and/or advance housing opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities across Kentucky.
Reporting	Annual report summarizing use of funds, outcomes, etc. (due December 31, 2024). Recipients are expected to share photos, success stories, etc. for KHC publication.
Questions	Questions may be directed to Kaye McAfee kmcafee@kyhousing.org

Notes:

**KHC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to request additional information and/or waive the above guidelines*

***KHC reserves the right to make grants in amounts that vary from an applicant’s request.*