

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 October 2020 and concluding in December 2021. 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 24, 2020
Grant deadline	September 24, 2020
Awards announced ( <i>target date</i> )	October 30, 2020
Funds available ( <i>target date</i> )	November 15, 2020

## Universal Funding Application (UFA)

Applicants **MUST** submit a complete application along with attachments by 11:59 p.m. ET on Thursday, September 24, 2020, via KHC's online UFA: [wapps.kyhousing.org/UFA/User/Login](http://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. KHC may or may not agree with the applicant regarding the confidentiality of the materials.

## KHC STRATEGIC OPERATING GRANTS OVERVIEW\*

<b>Purpose</b>	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"> <li>1. Further a unique/innovative initiative.</li> <li>2. Increase the organization’s long-term capacity to partner with KHC.</li> <li>3. Leverage other funding.</li> </ol>
<b>Funding Source</b>	KHC discretionary funds
<b>Application Fee</b>	None
<b>Geography</b>	Anywhere in the Commonwealth of Kentucky
<b>Maximum Funding Request</b>	\$10,000-\$15,000 for efforts related to affordable housing production \$7,500 statewide/regional advocacy for affordable housing and/or fair housing <i>Roughly 10-15 organizations will be awarded annually**.</i>
<b>Maximum Frequency:</b>	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.
<b>Form &amp; Term of Assistance</b>	Grant agreement covering 12 months.
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Non-profit organizations with demonstrated capacity and experience who are in good standing with the Commonwealth and already partner with KHC.
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alignment with KHC’s strategic, policy, and/or programmatic priorities.</li> <li>2. Potential for funding to accomplish the purpose and aims outlined above.</li> <li>3. Appropriateness of request: Is there another funding source—within KHC or otherwise—more appropriate for the proposed use?</li> </ol>
<b>Reporting</b>	Annual report summarizing use of funds, outcomes, etc. (due December 31, 2021). Recipients are expected to share photos, success stories, etc. for KHC publication.
<b>Questions</b>	Questions may be directed to Karla Hale at <a href="mailto:khale@kyhousing.org">khale@kyhousing.org</a> .

**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.