

1. What is causing the change in 2022 grantmaking?

- At the Land O'Lakes Foundation, we are committed to continually improving how we partner with our member-owners and the community to support nonprofit organizations serving areas where our members live and work, primarily rural communities.
- In 2022, we will be transitioning to a new open grant round format with a Region Grants Review and Selection Committee. The selection process will change, but the grant guidelines will not change. The types of organizations we fund will stay the same; how grantees will apply will look different.
- We will be implementing two open grant rounds.
 - Round 1 will focus on Hunger Relief organizations. This grant round will follow the same grant guidelines as the program formerly known as the Coasts Hunger program. This round will open in Spring 2022, tentatively scheduled for April 2022.
 - Round 2 will focus on Community Support organizations. This grant round will follow the same grant guidelines as the programs formerly known as Mid-Atlantic Grants and California Region Grants programs. This round will launch in the Summer of 2022.

2. Who is eligible during both grant rounds?

- Non-profit organizations supporting areas where our members live and work, primarily rural communities, in the following states for each region are eligible to apply during both grant rounds:
 - East Region: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.
 - West Region: California
- All recipient organizations must be located in the United States and must be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Nonprofit organizations supporting areas where our members live and work, primarily rural communities with or without a Land O'Lakes member referral, will be prioritized.
- Please note, if your organization is involved in hunger relief efforts in your community and you do not receiving funding during Round 1, you are welcome to apply again during Round 2. If you did not apply during Round 1, you are welcome to apply during Round 2.

3. What will the process be to apply for either round of 2022 grantmaking?

- If interested in applying, your organization can use the application links found on the [Community Involvement section of the Land O'Lakes, Inc. website](#) under "Region Grants Program". Each grant round timeline will also be posted on the same website.

4. What are the funding limits for each program?

- The overall program budgets for the two categories of hunger relief and community support have stayed the same as prior years. Up to \$250,000 will be awarded to each Region annually, split evenly between the two focus areas of Hunger Relief and Community Support
- We will continue to make general operating and program grants. Based on need and available to grant dollars, the grant size (or dollar amount for each grant award) for each Grant Round will be recommended and approved by the members of Region Grants Review and Selection Committee.
 - Organizations applying for grants may be eligible for donations up to a maximum range of \$10,000 to \$20,000 annually (subject to discretion of the Land O'Lakes Foundation).

5. Questions: Contact Landolakesfoundation@landolakes.com