

Delta Utilities Foundation

Grant Handbook





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OUR PURPOSE

The Delta Utilities Foundation (“the Foundation”) will drive meaningful change in our communities by leveraging everyday opportunities and resources to achieve remarkable results. We are confident that our initiatives to invest in the lives of our stakeholders today will establish a strong foundation for the future. As a dedicated partner in the communities we serve, the Foundation’s mission is to spark innovation through purposeful and strategic philanthropy. To achieve this mission, the Foundation will focus its philanthropic efforts on two core areas: **Community Vitality and Environmental Resiliency**.

Community Vitality

- Our Community Vitality initiatives will strengthen local and regional economies, invest in workforce development, and support education to create thriving communities.

Environmental Resiliency

- Our Environmental Resiliency efforts will support disaster recovery, promote energy conservation and efficiency, and encourage the preservation of land, water, and air, creating a more resilient future.

Within these focus areas, we seek opportunities to assist under-resourced populations as we work to advance, sustain, and create lasting value in the communities we serve.

OUR VISION

The Delta Utilities Foundation is established with a clear vision: to build strong connections between Delta Utilities and the vibrant local communities we call home. This initiative reflects our deep commitment to collaboration, trust, and shared growth, reinforcing our role as a dedicated partner invested in community well-being.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Delta Utilities Foundation is to encourage innovation through strategic investments in community vitality and environmental resiliency. Our foundation prioritizes building and fostering collaborative, trusting relationships with community partners that advance, sustain, and create positive change in the communities we call home.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

KEY FACTS TO UNDERSTAND BEFORE YOU APPLY

The Foundation awards grants annually to eligible organizations in Louisiana and Mississippi, where our operating companies are located. A list of counties and parishes served by Delta Utilities is shown in **Appendix A** below. A map of counties and parishes served by Delta Utilities is shown in **Appendix B** below.

To be considered for grant funding from the Delta Utilities Foundation, organizations must:

- Be a nonprofit organization recognized as a tax-exempt entity under Section 501(c)(3) as a public charity in accordance with Code 509(a) and maintain good standing. (If an organization is exempt under Section 509(a)(3), it must be Type I or Type II.)



- Have their primary address located within Delta Utilities' designated service areas
- Be a public charity or private foundation that qualifies as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity
- Function as a school, hospital, governmental unit, or religious institution that holds nonprofit status similar to that of 501(c)(3) organizations
- Be a state or local government, but only if a donation is made exclusively for public purposes
- Be a war-veterans organization that qualifies as a 501(c)(19) tax-exempt entity
- Be a volunteer fire department that qualifies as a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt entity

What we look for in an applicant organization:

- Financial stability
- Strong leadership and governance
- Reflective of the community being served (i.e., Diverse board and staff; engaging clients in the development, implementation, and/or evaluation of programs, etc.)

When reviewing applications, preference is given to funding opportunities/initiatives that:

- Fit closely with the Foundation's funding priorities
- Address community needs related to our funding priorities
- Include financial commitments from a variety of sources
- Utilize an effective evaluation plan specific to the proposed funding opportunity/initiative
- Demonstrate measurable and sustainable goals and outcomes

RESTRICTIONS

The Delta Utilities Foundation does not provide grant funding for the items or organizations listed below. All requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list, and additional restrictions may apply.

<p>School clubs/organizations, including, but not limited to, bands, athletic or academic teams, booster clubs, PTO/PTA</p>	<p>Meals, tickets, dues, memberships, fees, travel, tuition, subscriptions, and other tangible benefits</p>
<p>Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, age, or religion</p>	<p>Political, labor, military, international, or fraternal organizations</p>



Childcare fees/subsidies or K-12 tuition	Individuals or previous grantees who have not submitted the required reporting
Sponsorships, fundraisers, races, telethons, marathons, benefits, banquets, galas, golf tournaments, festivals, or other events	Debt retirement or funding of any activity that is already completed
Contests, competitions, athletics, pageants, or talent contests	Scholarly or medical research
A 509(a)(3) Type III supporting organization charity	Endowments or scholarships
Payment of utility bills	Activities whose sole purpose is the promotion or support of a specific religion, denomination, or religious institution
Grants to individuals or loans of any type	Any organization owned or operated by an employee, board or committee member, or volunteer of Delta Utilities

2026 GRANT CYCLES

Grant cycles will be announced on a rolling basis.

For inquiries regarding grant cycles, please contact: foundation@deltautilities.com.

SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Grants will be awarded within two (2) months of the application deadline.
2. It is recommended that applicants submit their application in advance of the deadline. The Delta Utilities Foundation cannot guarantee that any technical issues that may arise will be addressed before the application deadline. Therefore, it is recommended that applicants submit their applications in a timely manner.
3. Questions about your application will be answered in twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours. If you have not been contacted by a member of the Delta Utilities Foundation team within this timeframe, we kindly ask that you please email foundation@deltautilities.com.
4. For a list of specific counties or parishes, please refer to Appendix A. A map of specific counties or parishes is referenced in Appendix B.
5. For a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), please refer to Page 7 of this guidebook.



6. Should you have any additional questions regarding your eligibility and the submission process, please contact the Delta Utilities Foundation at foundation@deltautilities.com.



Delta Utilities Foundation

Frequently Asked Questions

DOES MY ORGANIZATION HAVE TO BE LOCATED IN AN AREA SERVED BY DELTA UTILITIES TO RECEIVE A GRANT?

Yes. Delta Utilities Foundation Grants are limited to organizations with a primary address within one of our various operating companies. Consideration will also be given to organizations that serve communities within Delta Utilities' operating companies but are located outside of them.

ARE NON-PROFITS REQUIRED TO HAVE A 501(C)(3) DESIGNATION TO APPLY?

Non-profits applying for a Foundation grant must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) and recognized as a public charity under Code Section 509(a) and in good standing. (If an organization is exempt under Section 509(a)(3), it must be Type I or Type II.)

CAN I APPLY FOR MULTIPLE GRANTS WITHIN THE SAME CALENDAR YEAR OR TIME PERIOD?

Yes, however, please note that, due to the volume of requests received, we will consider all requests made per organization in our overall decision.

DOES THE FOUNDATION PROVIDE FUNDING TO DAYCARE OR CHILDCARE CENTERS TO SUBSIDIZE THE COST OF TUITION, FEES, OR OTHER CHILDCARE-RELATED COSTS?

Due to limited resources and a desire to remain fair and equitable, we are unable to fund tuition assistance programs or other childcare-related costs.

DO YOU FUND SALARIES AND/OR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE?

Currently, the Foundation is not accepting applications for general operating expenditures. We will not consider requests for salaries, fringe benefits, and overhead on a standalone basis. The most competitive grant applications will be capital or programmatic in nature. Please email us at foundation@deltautilities.com if you have further questions.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FOUNDATION GRANT AND AN EVENT SPONSORSHIP?

Foundation grants are provided to IRS-designated 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations. Grants are charitable donations used to fund program costs, large-scale initiatives with significant impact, and other programmatic activities undertaken by nonprofit organizations.

Sponsorships are monetary contributions given in support of events or activities in exchange for advertising and/or publicity. These decisions are made at the corporate level.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR APPLYING FOR A GRANT?

All applicants must submit their applications via our online grant portal to be considered for funding. Applicants should expect a minimum of sixty (60) days' waiting period from the application deadline to the final decision.



HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications must be submitted online through the Delta Utilities Foundation grants website. Applications are not accepted via email, postal mail, or fax.

WHEN DOES THE FOUNDATION BOARD MEET?

The Delta Utilities Foundation Executive Board meets at the end of each cycle to select grant recipients.

WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE REQUEST AMOUNT FOR A FOUNDATION GRANT?

The amount requested from the Foundation should be proportionate to your program goals, funding opportunity budget, and expected income from other sources. Funding is ultimately contingent on the initiative's alignment with the Foundation's priorities and on funding availability within the Foundation's annual budget.

WHAT IS THE RANGE OF FUNDING AN APPLICANT MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR?

Grants will range from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

WHAT E-MAIL ADDRESS SHOULD BE USED FOR THE PRIMARY CONTACT?

When applying for a grant, please ensure the appropriate individual has access to the application and add foundation@deltautilities.com to your safe senders/contacts list to ensure you receive communication from the Delta Utilities Foundation regarding your application. Applications will also ask for a finance contact to facilitate payment should your grant be funded.

CAN I COPY AND PASTE INFORMATION FROM A WORD DOCUMENT INTO ONE OF THE TEXT BOXES APPLICATIONS?

Yes. The application consists of text, number fields, and selection boxes. You can copy information from an existing document and paste it into the appropriate text box in the application. You will also be able to upload attachments to the application should you require additional information.

I DO NOT HAVE ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IN AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT. HOW DO I SUBMIT THEM?

All documentation must be submitted electronically with the application. Please scan your documents and combine them into a single PDF, then attach it to your application.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF MY ORGANIZATION IF APPROVED FOR FUNDING?

Grant applications that are approved for funding require the following:

- Signed Recipient Agreement
- Completed W-9 form
- Post Impact Survey: An impact survey will be required to be submitted electronically. The survey will be due within three (3) months of receipt of the grant award.
 - Note: Award recipients are required to complete a post-impact survey. These submissions must be submitted on time, as delays could affect scheduled payments and future funding. Additional instructions on the survey requirements will be provided at a later date.



HOW SOON CAN I EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS AFTER NOTIFICATION?

Funds will be distributed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the timeline for approval by the Delta Utilities Foundation's Board of Directors, the funding method, the amount, and whether all requirements for receiving the funds have been met.

Once a recipient agreement and a completed W-9 form have been submitted to the Delta Utilities Foundation, you will receive further instructions on how to provide your organization's preferred payment method. If your organization chooses to receive funds electronically, you can expect processing to take approximately 7 to 15 business days.

IN WHAT FORM OF COMMUNICATION WILL YOU NOTIFY MY ORGANIZATION ABOUT OUR APPLICATION?

Communications during the application process will be made primarily by email. Please add the email address Foundation@deltautilities.com to your contacts to receive all communications during the application process.



Appendix A
List of Counties and Parishes by State

LOUISIANA					
1	Acadia	11	East Baton Rouge	21	St. Landry
2	Allen	12	Evangeline	22	St. Martin
3	Avoyelles	13	Iberia	23	St. Mary
4	Beauregard	14	Iberville	24	St. Tammany
5	Bienville	15	Jefferson Davis	25	Tangipahoa
6	Bossier	16	Lafayette	26	Union
7	Caddo	17	Lincoln	27	Vermilion
8	Calcasieu	18	Orleans	28	Vernon
9	Cameron	19	Ouachita	29	Washington
10	Claiborne	20	Rapides	30	Webster

MISSISSIPPI					
1	Clarke	13	Lafayette	26	Quitman
2	Copiah	14	Lamar	2	Rankin
3	Covington	15	Lawrence	28	Scott
4	Forrest	16	Leake	29	Simpson
5	Greene	18	Madison	30	Stone
6	Hancock	19	Marion	31	Sunflower
7	Harrison	32	Tallahatchie	17	Lincoln
8	Hinds	20	Neshoba	33	Warren
9	Jackson	21	Newton	34	Washington
10	Jasper	22	Panola	35	Yalobusha
11	Jefferson Davis	23	Pearl River	25	Pike
12	Jones	24	Perry		



Appendix B Map of Numbered Counties and Parishes by State

