



General Operating Support for Organizations FAQs

Q: If there is no April 1 deadline for the General Operating Support for Organizations program, when will the next deadline for the program be?

A: The General Operating Support for Organizations program is moving to a Sept. 1 deadline. The program is currently being evaluated and restructured and will move to a deadline of once every three years.

After Sept. 1, 2026, the next deadline will be Sept.1, 2029.

Q: What should I know about the new General Operating Support for Organizations program?

A: The eligibility criteria for the program will remain largely the same. Eligible organizations will need to:

- Be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Rhode Island, or groups fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Rhode Island.
- Fit RISCA's definition of an arts and culture organization or a culturally specific organization.
- Have been in continuous operation and exhibiting or producing arts and culture programming in Rhode Island for each year of the past five years.

However, organizations will no longer be required to have received either a [Project Grant for Organizations](#) or [Project Grants in Education](#) award to be eligible.

Additionally, the program has eliminated our budget-based grant award formula requirement. With no requirement of having a minimum annual budget, the grant program can continue to support organizations with various budget sizes.

All awardees will receive an anticipated award of \$10,000 per year for three years.

Q: Can I apply for a Project Grant for Organizations at the April 1 deadline and apply for a General Operating Support for Organizations grant at the Sept. 1 deadline?

A: Yes, but only if your organization is not currently receiving a grant from the General Operating Support for Organizations Program.

Q: If an organization currently receives General Operating Support for Organizations, are there grant programs it can apply for by the April 1 deadline and still retain eligibility to apply for the General Operating Support for Organizations program by the Sept. 1 deadline?

A: Yes, organizations currently receiving General Operating Support for Organizations grants are eligible to apply for either an [Arts and Health Grant](#) or an [Arts and Health Incubator Grant](#) at the April 1 deadline and still retain eligibility for the General Operating Support for Organizations program at the Sept. 1 deadline.

Note: Applicants can only apply to one program at the April 1 deadline.