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## FAQs for Annual Grant Applicants and Grantees

### How do I begin the grant application process?

Each year the AAA-ICDR Foundation issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) focused on Foundation priorities for the upcoming grant cycle. It is an open call to invite organizations to submit an application that aligns with the Foundation's mission and focus of RFP. The RFP is typically announced each June. It is a two-step application process starting with an Initial Description of Grant Request. After review, a limited number of organizations will be invited to submit a proposal for consideration. It is a competitive review process each year.

Please review the Foundation's RFP focus area(s) and ensure that you are applying during a time when the Foundation is accepting grant applications. You can find this information by visiting the Grants section of our website [www.AAAICDRFoundation.org](http://www.AAAICDRFoundation.org). If it is within the current application period, and your project fits within the RFP focus area, then you may submit an Initial Description of Grant Request through the Foundation's online grants website. If you have further questions, you may contact the Foundation by emailing [contact@AAAICDRFoundation.org](mailto:contact@AAAICDRFoundation.org).

### What kind of Grants do you make?

The AAA-ICDR Foundation supports the prevention and resolution of conflicts by expanding access to alternative dispute resolution. The following are the three priorities that guide the Foundation's grant making:

**Bridge Community Conflict** with a focus on civil discourse seeking to improve societal divisions.

**Prevent and Reduce Violence** with a focus on vulnerable and underserved communities and police/social service partnerships.

**Support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** with a focus on access to justice.

Detailed information may be found at [www.AAAICDRFoundation.org](http://www.AAAICDRFoundation.org).

### What doesn't the AAA-ICDR Foundation fund?

The Foundation takes varied approaches to our work, but there are a number of areas that we do not support. We do not make grants for personal needs or business assistance. We also do not fund political groups or lobbying. We do not fund work that is inconsistent with the Foundation's mission.

### When may I apply for a grant?

Please check on our website [www.AAAICDRFoundation.org](http://www.AAAICDRFoundation.org) for announcements regarding grant cycles.



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## How much can I apply for?

Please visit our website to see a list of past grants. Specific guidance on grant amounts may also be included in the annual RFP.

## How do I apply for a grant?

You may register and submit an Initial Description of Grant Request through the Foundation's online grants [website](#). If invited to submit a proposal, organizations will continue to use the online system to submit a proposal.

## What else does the AAA-ICDR Foundation consider?

We support equal opportunity in our grant making.

## What happens next?

The Foundation will determine whether it wants to move forward in the review process based upon the initial description you submitted. If you are selected to move forward, a representative of the Foundation will be in touch with you and may ask for additional information and/or request you complete a more in depth Grant Application. Accepted proposals are reviewed by the Foundation's Grants Committee. If your proposed work aligns with the Foundation's priorities and RFP description, the Grants Committee will present the grant request to the Foundation Board.

## How does my proposal get accepted?

At any stage, the Foundation may need additional information and you may need to discuss or meet with a Foundation representative by phone or in person to discuss the scope and budget of your proposed project. If accepted by the Foundation Board, you will be notified by the Foundation.

## How may grant money be used?

The activities we support through grants and program-related investments must support the use and improvement of dispute resolution processes, and comply with the appropriate provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations.

How will the grant be monitored for compliance?

- There is a Grant Agreement which establishes a range of grant conditions and every grantee is required to sign it.
- A representative of the Foundation may visit the grantee during the term of the grant.



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- During the grant term, grantees are required to submit financial and narrative reports that are reviewed by the Foundation for compliance with the terms of the Grant.

## **Does the AAA-ICDR Foundation require specific reports?**

Depending on the size of the grant and as may be agreed upon in the Grant Agreement, grantees may be required to describe and evaluate the activities undertaken and account for the use of grant funds during the reporting period.

Further information regarding reporting may be found in the Reporting Guidelines for Grantees on the Foundation's website.