



Ribbon of Hope

Eligibility and Application

Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

Q: Can organizations submit more than one application during a grant cycle?

A: No. Organizations are encouraged to submit only one application for a cycle. Organizations are encouraged to focus their resources on submitting one high quality application.

Q: Can fraternal organizations apply through their foundations?

A: No. Fraternal and faith-based organizations and their foundations are not eligible.

Q: Are state government programs eligible for the Ribbon of Hope program?

A: Only organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible for funding.

Q: What will the Foundation fund?

A: Ribbon of Hope proposals will be considered that relate to the establishment and implementation of new projects or expansion of an existing program centered on health, science or education which:

- address critical community needs that have been identified through comprehensive needs assessment
- align with goals and objectives of local community agencies
- demonstrate their sustainability after grant funds are expended

Q: What is outside the Foundation's scope of funding?

A: Ribbon of Hope funds will not support:

- general operating or core mission support
- indirect or overhead costs, fringe benefits
- construction or renovation projects
- delivery or facilitation of access to healthcare, medical assistance, or therapeutic services
- equipment, vehicles, rent or insurance

Application

Q: What kind of letter does the nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization need to include in their application packet from the collaborating partner(s)?

A: Anytime there is a collaborative arrangement between a nonprofit organization and an organization such as a school, school district, or any other organization, the nonprofit organization must include a letter of commitment from the leadership of collaborating partner organization(s) demonstrating their commitment and contribution to the proposed project.

Q: Does the Foundation fund proposals aimed at building an endowment?

A: No. Ribbon of Hope grants fund programs that emphasize the *understanding and application* of health, science, and education to meet the needs of North Carolina's citizens and communities. Proposals should relate to a current need in the community tightly aligned with this mission, as well as the needs of local community.

Q: Does the Foundation fund proposals to continue existing programs?

A: No. Ribbon of Hope grants will support activities that establish or expand local programs in health, science, and education to serve identified needs of local communities. Funds will not be approved for general operating expenses, for example, covering all or partial costs of an existing position where a program is not being expanded to support additional participants.

Q: Our program exists in more than one North Carolina county. For which county should we write our proposal?

A: Implementation in multiple counties is possible. The funds may be used to serve citizens in more than one county.

Q: Our program or idea doesn't fit any of the three focus areas. Can we still apply for a Ribbon of Hope grant?

A: Priority will be given to programs working to advance science, health, and education, consistent with the mission of the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation.

Q: Is a Project Plan required to submit with the application?

A: A Project Plan template is not required when you submit your application. You may be requested to submit a Project Plan to clarify your application, or to establish clear project goals, objectives, and activities. Often nonprofits find the Project Plan template helpful.

Q: My organization is really large. Why is my organization's total operating budget needed when I am applying for funding for a specific project?

A: Operating budget information allows insights into the overall operation of an organization, financial status, and management.

Q: I have my own budget template. Is the Ribbon of Hope budget template required?

A: Yes. The Ribbon of Hope budget template is required and is the only budget format accepted. Before you begin your application, download the form from our website, complete it and include with your application.

Q: How much funding can I apply for a Ribbon of Hope grant?

A: All Ribbon of Hope grants are awarded at \$50,000.

Q: Any reporting requirements if awarded a Ribbon of Hope grant?

A: Yes. All Ribbon of Hope grants have a final report due at the end of the grant period. Grant recipients will receive information in the grant agreement with instructions for completing any interim and final grant reports.