



THANKS MOM & DAD FUND® 2017-18 GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The 2017-18 Grant Cycle is currently open with an online application process. Please read all guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions (www.thanksmomanddadfund.org/our-grants/faqs/) **BEFORE** beginning the application.

Application Deadline Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 11:59 p.m EST.

Awards vary in amounts from \$2,000 to \$10,000 (The majority of past awards have been between \$2,500 and \$6,000.)

Eligibility

Eligibility for the 2017-18 grant cycle requires that your organization must:

- Have 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service; and
- Provide programs and services for older adults age 55 and older and/or caregivers in the State of Georgia. (Due to previous grant cycle for senior center innovation, no new senior center innovation grants are eligible this cycle.)

Criteria

Preference in funding is given to proposals for programs and services that have a direct impact on the lives of older adults 55+ and demonstrate:

Purpose:

- Clearly describe the program or project and articulate how grant funds will be used to serve older adults 55+, including those at risk.
- Include innovative or proven strategies that offer creative solutions without duplicating other efforts.

Capacity:

- Provide evidence of sound management and administration, including a clearly defined and effective governance structure and financial systems;
- Document capacity to mobilize resources including financial support, in-kind support, partnerships and volunteers to sustain programs where appropriate.
- Demonstrate organizational expertise in delivering quality programs and services.

Needs & Impact:

- Provide evidence of careful planning to address community needs.
- Include a statement regarding projected outcomes as a result of the grant.

Sustainability:

- Indicate ability and commitment to continue program when grant year ends if ongoing program.

Diversity:

- Provide evidence of inclusion and diversity of people of different genders, races and backgrounds in planning, program implementation, governance and organizational decision-making.

Budget:

- Provide a budget statement that clearly demonstrates appropriate allocation of resources. Do not send audits. We will request more information if needed.

Reporting Requirements

- Grant recipients must submit a final report within 12 months following the grant award.