

2026 GRANT APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Your Organization's EIN
2. Qlarant Foundation awards grants to Organizations who are based in (or whose work is in) Washington D.C., Florida, Georgia, Maryland and/or Texas. Please select your State(s) below:
3. Financial statements audited by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) firm and dated within the past 2 years are required. Please upload your audited financials here.
4. Your Organization's mission statement.
5. Name of your Organization's CEO/President
6. If you are requesting funding for a Program, please insert the name of that Program here. If you are requesting funding for general operations (i.e. your "work"), please state that here.
7. Briefly describe the Program (or work) you are requesting funding for. Explain how the Program (or work) directly aligns with Qlarant Foundation's mission TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES.
8. What constituencies does/will your Program (or work) serve? What impact will your Program (or work) have in your community?
9. If you are requesting funding for a Program, please list other funding sources for the Program. If you are requesting funding for general operating expenses, please list other funding sources for your Organization.
10. How does your Organization plan to sustain the Program (or it's work) beyond the one-year term of a grant from Qlarant Foundation?
11. Summarize your Organization's history and state why it is uniquely qualified and best positioned to implement the Program (or continue the work) you are requesting funding for.
12. List your Organization's primary programs and activities.
13. List your Organization's major, recent accomplishments
14. List your Organization's key personnel, including the number of staff and their job titles.
15. How does your Organization utilize volunteers?

16. How long has your Organization's Executive Director been in place? Please also briefly state his/her job history and education.
17. List your Organization's Officers and Directors.
18. What is your status as an Applicant to Qlarant Foundation. Are you a new Applicant? Returning Applicant? Returning Grantee?
19. DISCLOSURE: Does your Organization (employees, volunteers or leadership) have any personal or professional relationship with Qlarant or Qlarant Foundation employees or board members? If yes, please explain below. If no, please type the word NONE.

A Performance Plan must be completed for each Application:

1. Performance Plan includes:
 - **3 S.M.A.R.T. Goals** (*Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound*)
 - a) Specific: What do you want to achieve, why is it important to the community that you serve, and how do you plan to accomplish it?
 - b) Measurable: How will you track your progress and measure the outcome?
 - c) Achievable: How will you attain your goals, considering your organization's current resources, abilities and constraints?
 - d) Relevant: What does the goal mean to your organization? How does it align with the needs of the community that you serve in both the near and longer term?
 - e) Time-bound: What dates will you target for achieving the goal? This helps us understand your priorities for the grant year.
 - **A Budget Narrative** – Clearly outlining how grant funds would be utilized, including a description of your organization's history of disciplined budget management.
 - **Acknowledgement** that engaging with our Capacity Building Partner (Catchafire) will be required if a grant is awarded. When applying, the applicant must type "AGREED" in this Performance Plan line item.

2026 GRANT SCORING RUBRIC

1. **Mission Alignment** (*Does the narrative clearly describe the Program or the operational “work” the organization is seeking funding for? Is the “work” or Program definitively aligned with Qlarant Foundation's mission to Improve the Health of Individuals and Communities?*)
 - 1 = Program or “work” detail appears unrelated to Qlarant Foundation’s mission
 - 2 = Program or “work” detail is unclear and/or is only loosely aligned with Qlarant Foundation’s mission
 - 3 = Program or “work” detail is clear and appears mostly aligned with Qlarant Foundation’s mission
 - 4 = Program or “work” detail is clear and closely aligned with Qlarant Foundation’s mission
 - 5 = Program or “work” detail is clear, focused, concise and exactly aligned with Qlarant Foundation’s mission
2. **Budget** (*Is the budget clearly stated in the Performance Plan? Does it articulate exactly how the grant funds will be utilized? Does it appear fiscally sound for stated outcomes?*)
 - 1 = budget is incomplete, unclear and/or does not appear related to the request
 - 2 = budget is stated but how grant funds will be used is unclear
 - 3 = budget is stated, grant funds utilization is outlined, and the requested amount appears fiscally sound
 - 4 = budget is stated, grant funds utilization is thoroughly outlined, and fiscal soundness is detailed
 - 5 = budget is stated, grant funds utilization is thoroughly outlined, and the budget narrative details organizational/program transparency and a history of disciplined budget management
3. **Performance Plan** (*Are performance goals S.M.A.R.T. – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound? Is impact clear and relevant to the community being served?*)
 - 1 = performance goals not stated
 - 2 = performance goals not clearly stated and/or they don’t appear to be aligned with the organization/program, and/or the community impact is unclear
 - 3 = performance goals stated, appear to be achievable, and solid community impact is articulated
 - 4 = performance goals clear, concise, and appear to be achievable with excellent community impact articulated
 - 5 = performance goals clear, concise, detailed, and appear achievable with detailed impact which is anticipated to be significant for the organization and the community
4. **Sustainability Plan** (*How will the organization/program be sustained beyond the grant year funded by Qlarant Foundation?*)
 - 1 = sustainability plan is not addressed
 - 2 = sustainability plan is vague or poorly defined in terms of future funding, resources, or operational needs
 - 3 = sustainability plan is basic, may identify unsecured future funding sources but relies more on assumptions than concrete commitments or strategies
 - 4 = sustainability plan is clear and realistic, showing strong potential for continuation through leveraging partnerships/resources and other funding sources
 - 5 = sustainability plan is comprehensive, outlining specific, diverse, and robust funding sources and explains integration into the organization's core mission and operations for lasting impact

2026 REVIEW / SELECTION PROCESS & TIMELINE

INITIAL ROUND -- Using the Scoring Rubric, Qlarant Senior Leadership and Qlarant Board Members use the Scoring Rubric to score a randomly selected set of applications. Applications that receive a score of 17 or higher move to the FINALIST ROUND.

FINALIST ROUND -- The Qlarant Foundation Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing all FINALIST ROUND applications. Each Board Member receives a random selection of FINALIST applications to review and score (using the Scoring Rubric). Applications receiving scores of 18 or higher in this round may be considered for funding.

| Date | Detail |
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| Jan 15 through February 28, 2026 | OPEN CALL is LIVE |
| April 30, 2026 | INITIAL ROUND concludes and (within a few days) applicants are advised of whether or not their application has proceeded to the FINALIST ROUND |
| July 1, 2026 | Notice of Award – All FINALISTS are notified of the FINALIST ROUND results. Public notice of awards is also made on this date. |