

### **Call for Applications for Grant FAQs**

### **Technical**

### 1. What do I need to know before starting a new application?

We advise that you also check the technical FAQs on the landing page of the Benevity application form by clicking "Help" at the bottom of the form. Please note that when requesting technical assistance for the site through the "Help" link, you are submitting your request to the Foundation's vendor, Benevity. Benevity hosts the Foundation grant application platform and can only assist you with technical questions about using the application form. Benevity cannot answer any questions about your eligibility to apply for funding, the status of your grant proposal, or about the funding award.

This grant funding is open to nonprofit organizations with successful track records of designing and facilitating programs focusing on innovation for sustainable food systems. The Foundation will consider proposals that align with any of the priority areas: Digital agriculture; Climate resilience; Capacity development; Market efficiency; Energy for food systems; Food innovations.

Only applications from nonprofit organizations submitted under this theme to support youth-led and high-impact innovations for sustainable agri-food systems and through this Benevity platform will be reviewed for funding consideration. Check out the grant overview on our grant page.

The grant application will close on **November 29th, 2024, 5:00pm EST**. We advised to complete the grant application on or before the submission deadline.

For both technical and non-technical questions regarding this grant application, please check the FAQs on the grant page. Further inquiries should be directed to AGCOagriFoundation@agcocorp.com.

To submit an application for a grant, just follow the steps over the next few pages. We'll evaluate your application and get back to you. Hopefully, with good news!

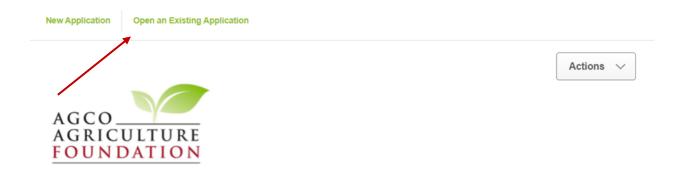
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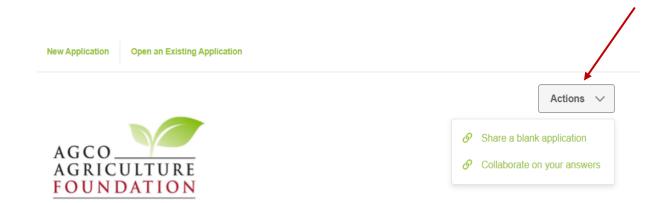
### 2. Do I need to register to create an application?

No, there is no need to register or create an account. Simply access the application form through the grant link. Begin a new application or open existing application which is automatically saved in the browser. Visit the grant page to start the application process - <a href="https://www.agcofoundation.org/grants.html">https://www.agcofoundation.org/grants.html</a>



### 3. Can I collaborate with my team on the application form?

Yes, you can collaborate on the application by selecting "Collaborate on your application" under "Actions." This will allow you to share your application with other members of your organization to work on.



#### 4. What information is required to complete the grant application?

Click on the green navigation bar at the top of the page to navigate through each application form section. This allows you to glance through the questions in each section.





All fields are required unless otherwise noted.

At the bottom of each section, click the "Next" button to advance to a new section or "Back" to go to the previous section.

### 5. What information is required to complete the grant application?

Proposing nonprofits will be required to answer all mandatory questions and to enter the required information directly into the online application form. Attachments should be uploaded where applicable. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Avoid writing in first person and please write clearly and concisely, paying attention to character limits (*answer boxes are limited to 1000 words max*). Avoid using overly technical language, and please spell out acronyms the first time they are used.

Once an application is submitted, you will not be able to make any further edits. Review your application before submitting it.

### 6. How can I save the application form or cancel the form?

Information entered in the application form is auto saved in your browser. You can also clear each field using the "Cancel" button at the bottom of the page. Option is available to "Start Over" an application.

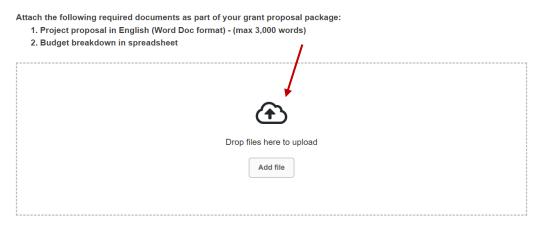


#### 7. What type of file attachments can be added in support of my application?

We recommend attachments to your application should be in form of .docx, .xls, PDF formats and the sizes should be moderate to fit into the application package. You can also

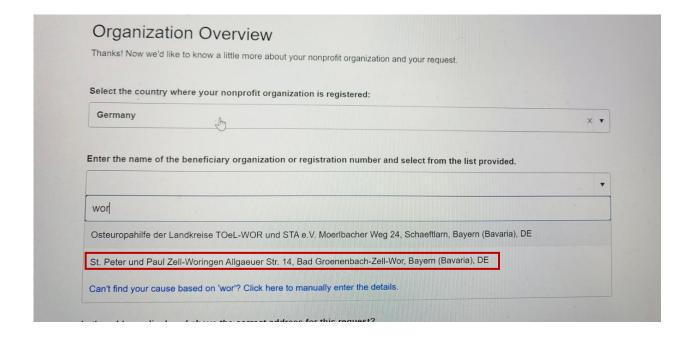


submit links to external resources where required. Video or audio files are not accepted. Grant proposals should be submitted in Word document format.



8. Can't find the registered name and the number of my organization on the list when filling out the application form, what should I do?

Benevity has access to global databases of vetted nonprofits. Proposing nonprofits can use this existing database to enter their organization name (once you enter your nonprofit name in the text box, you can select your nonprofit from the dropdown). If your organization does not appear in nonprofits' Benevity grant application global databases, you can manually enter/fill in your organizational details. As shown below, click "Click here to manually enter the details."





### 9. Having difficulty submitting my grant application after completing the form, what can I do?

Refresh your browser and ensure you answer all mandatory questions in the application form. If the problem persists, ensure there is a stable internet connection and try using a different web browser, as compatibility issues can cause problems.

### 10. Is it possible to save my online grant application and return to it later?

Yes. The link from your URL must be copied and saved or bookmarked. You can use the link at any moment to continue your application. Your responses on the application form are saved automatically.

### 11. What if I have an issue with my application?

If you require technical support, such as access issues or application troubleshooting, email <a href="mailto:grantsupport@benevity.com">grantsupport@benevity.com</a>. If you have any concerns about the grant application, reach out to us directly at <a href="mailto:AGCOagriFoundation@agcocorp.com">AGCOagriFoundation@agcocorp.com</a>...

#### Non-technical

# 1. Who can apply for the AGCO Agriculture Foundation Call for Applications for Grant?

This Call for Applications for Grant (CAG) is open to all nonprofit organizations registered and recognized as charitable or non-profit organizations under the law.

### 2. What is the thematic focus for this grant application?

This grant call seeks to receive proposals from nonprofits with a thematic focus to support the next generation of leaders in agriculture helping them to develop innovative solutions for agri-food systems.

### 3. What prioritize areas should the program focus on?

The innovation program for sustainable agri-food systems should target at least one of these areas: digital agriculture, climate resilience, capacity development, market efficiency, energy for food systems, and lastly, food innovations.



### 4. Who should be the target of the grant proposal?

Program implementation must target next-gen within the age bracket of 18-40 years, including young farmers, youth leaders, small and medium-sized enterprises owned by younger persons.

### 5. How can nonprofits apply to this grant application?

Proposing nonprofits should start the grant application process on the Foundation's website: <a href="https://www.agcofoundationrg/grants">https://www.agcofoundationrg/grants</a>. There is a direct link to the Benevity grant application form. Only the applications submitted through the Foundation Benevity online portal will be considered. Please note that emailed or mailed proposals will not be accepted.

# 6. Are nonprofits required only to submit a new project or can an existing project be proposed?

The grant application will prioritize proposals seeking to establish a new program but also consider grant proposals that seek to build on an existing program.

### 7. What supporting documents are required for the grant application?

First, all mandatory questions must be answered in the application form. In addition, the required supporting documents must be uploaded as part of the application process: [a. Project proposal in English (Word Doc format - max. 3,000 words); b. Budget breakdown in a spreadsheet and c. Proof of Nonprofit status. The Foundation does not provide or recommend any specific template. Therefore, nonprofits can use their template for the proposal and budget documents.

#### 8. What is the grant amount or range and tenure for this grant application?

The Foundation will provide a maximum of **US\$400,000** to **US\$450,000** for this grant cycle to carry out the planned activities. The grant proposal must be designed for a **three-year project duration**.

### 9. What is the funding guideline to follow for the budget breakdown?

Proposing nonprofit organizations must ensure the grant proposal budget adheres to the Foundation's funding guideline - 70% of grant funds go directly towards the program's activities, while 30% are for administrative support. Proposing nonprofits must also ensure that project activities and the participating youth receive appropriate funding prizes and



support during the innovation challenge. Following the funding guideline highlighted above is mandatory, as our reviewers will pay keen attention to it.

### 10. Can past AGCO Agriculture Foundation partners apply for this grant and are they more or less likely to be awarded funding?

Yes, past grant recipients/partners can apply for this grant as long as the proposals align with this grant application's thematic focus. The Foundation's past grant recipients/partners are not more or less likely to receive funding. All proposals are examined based on the merit of the nonprofit and the quality of the proposals.

### 11. What countries are considered for this grant application?

The proposing nonprofit organizations can submit grant proposals to be implemented in any of the countries below:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Zambia.

# 12. Can proposing nonprofits partner with other institutions to submit a grant proposal and implement the proposed project?

Only nonprofit organizations can apply for this grant application. Thus, nonprofit organizations may partner with other institutions if deemed appropriate for program design and implementation.

### 13. Is this grant application open to/support faith-based or religious organizations or other individual activities?

No. The Foundation does not fund faith-based or religious organizations and does not fund activities or programs to benefit:

- o Individual for profit organizations (hospitals, hospice programs, etc.)
- o Political, faith/religious-based, labor or fraternal organizations.
- o Individuals and their personal fundraising efforts.
- Groups seeking education, travel or conventions.
- Sporting leagues, youth or adult sports teams, clubs, golf tournaments or similar one-off events.
- o Sales related, marketing, or customer requested fundraising campaigns.



- Schools, school districts, individual students, alumni associations, school or parent organizations and activities.
- Organizations, individuals and their fundraising efforts for conferences, summits, and webinars.

### 14. Is it possible to submit more than one grant application?

No. Proposing nonprofits can only submit one grant proposal for this grant application cycle.

# 15. Is it possible for a non-profit legally incorporated in country A (for example, the United States) submit a grant proposal for a project to be implemented in country B (for example, India)?

Yes. Nonprofit organizations lawfully incorporated in one location can submit a grant proposal for a project in another country or region. The proposing organization must, however, demonstrate that they have a track record/presence in the project site.

#### 16. What are the word limits for the application form boxes?

The word count for each answer box is 1000 words. This limit includes letters, punctuation, numbers, special characters and spaces.

# 17. Who will review the grant proposals and approve the grant applications for funding?

The Foundation team and other identified experts from our corporation, will assess the grant proposals. The Foundation Chair and Board members will make the final approval on the selected grant proposals for funding.

#### 18. Can I apply for a grant in a language other than English?

No, all applications must be submitted in English language.

### 19. What to know about the grant application review process?

Upon submission of applications to the grant application portal, applicants will receive an email notification confirming the receipt of submission. This will be followed by a pending email, initial review email and Foundation review status email to let you know that your proposal is being reviewed.



All automated emails will be sent from an inbox that cannot receive replies. In some cases, the Foundation may contact applicants to arrange a follow-up call to seek clarity. The review process should take approximately 5-6 weeks. However, the timeline may change depending on other internal procedures.

If a grant request is approved or declined, you will receive an email confirming this status. The Foundation evaluating team <u>will not</u> provide specific or individual feedback on why a grant application was unsuccessful.

### 20. What to know about the approval of a grant application?

For approved applications, the nonprofit will receive an email notification via Benevity and another from the Foundation with the approved grant amount and next steps. The Foundation will set up an introductory call to agree on the final grant proposal, including key activities, timeline, funding method, and other expectations.

In most cases, the funding recipient and the Foundation will have a grant participation agreement to agree on obligations, deliverables, and other legal components related to the grant funding. The agreement will be signed by both parties before the approved grant is disbursed.