



Nonprofit Support Program
Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

EVALUATION CAPACITY GRANT PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

What's new about the Evaluation Capacity Grant program?

- Eligibility requirements have been broadened to include organizations with demonstrated evaluation capacity which may include (but is no longer limited to) participation in the NSP Building Evaluation Capacity program

What is an Evaluation Capacity Grant?

The Evaluation Capacity Grant program provides grants of up to \$15,000 to assist qualified nonprofit organizations in accomplishing one or more of the following:

- Further integrate evaluative thinking into organizational or collaborative practice
- Stimulate innovative or creative approaches to participatory evaluation
- Develop and/or implement an organizational evaluation plan or system
- Implement a new evaluation framework such as Results Based Accountability/other
- Expand an existing or initiate a new evaluation project or program
- Support the evaluation of a program that is funded through the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving or other funding organization
- Provide evaluation or data analysis services beyond the capacity of organization staff
- Share evaluation learning with the broader field

NSP will award a limited number of Evaluation Capacity Grants, based on available resources.

How may this type of grant be used?

Granted funds may be used for the following purposes:

- Project-specific staff development or peer exchange
- Consultant or other contracted external support
- Equipment or computer software
- Staff augmentation to support evaluation work

Who is eligible to apply for this type of grant and what is the application process?

Nonprofit organizations with annual budgets over \$300,000 that can demonstrate an existing level of evaluation capacity and commitment to complete the evaluation work for which funding is requested and meet Hartford Foundation for Public Giving grantmaking guidelines are eligible to apply.

Existing evaluation capacity may be demonstrated by:

- Completion of the NSP Building Evaluation Capacity program or similar program
- Documentation of previous organizational or program evaluation work
- Qualified permanently assigned evaluation staff

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