

# 2025 IMPACT GRANT FOR DEAF ORGANIZATIONS

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# About Deaf Organizations Fund

**MISSION:** Strengthening organizations working with deaf communities.

**VISION:** A future in which deaf communities have access to a wide array of services provided by thriving, well-resourced organizations.



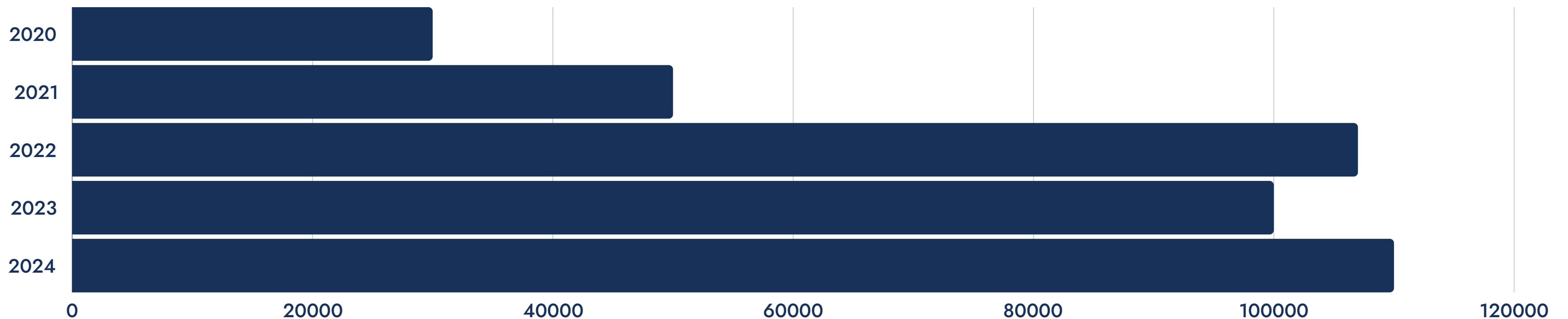
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# Deaf Organizations Fund Grants

## 2020 - 2024 Funding Cycles

Deaf Organizations Fund was formally established in 2021 to offer fully accessible grants and resources to deaf-centric nonprofits and programs based in the United States.

To date, DOF has distributed nearly \$400K in grant funds across 28 grant projects. We have received 215 requests for funding.



**STRONG  
ORGANIZATIONS  
STRONG  
COMMUNITIES**



# 2025 Grant Overview

**01.**

4 to 6 deaf-centric organizations and programs will be awarded

**02.**

\$25,000 unrestricted funding

**03.**

One-year grant project starting January 2025

**04.**

Apply by October 9 at 5:00 PM CT

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# Timeline

01

## September 4 - October 9

We are accepting applications through October 9th at 5:00 PM CT

## October 10 - December

Grant Review Process with Grant Review Committee, DOF and CSD

02

03

## January

Selected grantee organizations will be awarded

# Unrestricted Funding

An unrestricted grant is funding that supports the overall mission of an organization. There are no rules governing how the grant dollars are spent, as long as the spending aligns with the organization's mission and operations.

Applicants are encouraged to submit a proposal that outlines your organization's area(s) of greatest need.

# Eligibility: What we can fund

- ✔ Deaf-centric organizations including deaf-serving programs within hearing organizations. DOF defines “deaf-centric” as: at least 50% of the organization or program’s leadership (e.g., the executive director, staff, advisory committee, and/or governing boards) identify as members of deaf communities. The organization or program must also primarily work with members of deaf communities.

Members of deaf communities include people who identify as Deaf, DeafBlind, Hard of Hearing, or DeafDisabled.

- ✔ Organizations based in the U.S. with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, or organizations that have a fiscal sponsor based in the U.S. with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.



# Eligibility: What we cannot fund

- ✘ Organizations that do not have 501(c)3 tax-exempt status or organizations that do not have a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.
- ✘ International organizations without a 501(c)3 tax-exempt fiscal sponsor based in the U.S.
- ✘ Capital funding projects, such as construction, renovations, or physical expansions.
- ✘ Requests to sponsor or otherwise fund one-time events, such as camps, festivals, or conferences.
- ✘ Individuals not affiliated with a nonprofit organization, such as those requesting scholarships or funds for personal assistive devices.

# Navigating your Submittable Account

## Account Holder

The organization account holder is responsible for submitting the application and post-award materials, if awarded.

## Collaborators

Click “Invite Collaborator” to send link to individuals you want to work on the grant with.

# Submittable

## 01. Eligibility

- Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Four(4) questions: organization or program's leadership and what you seek to fund

## 02. Application

- Organization's Profile
- Organization's Overview
- Proposal
- Optional Questions

# Organization's Profile

- Basic information about the organization
- Board of Directors, their titles and professional affiliations
- Organization's Legal Status - Fiscal Sponsor
- Annual Operating Budget
- Conflict of Interest
  - Disclosing actual or perceived COI will not disqualify your application
  - Grant Review Committee
  - DOF
  - CSD

# Organization's Overview

- Five (5) open-ended questions about your mission, communities you serve, organization leadership, equity efforts and accomplishments
- 250-word response in English or Spanish per question
- 1.5-minute ASL video response per question

# Proposal

- Three (3) questions about how much are you requesting, what will the impact of getting the grant be on your organization and how will funds be used
- 500-word response in English or Spanish per question
- 3-minute ASL video response per question

# Optional Questions

- Four (4) optional questions about additional information you wish to share, feedback on the application, types of training you'd like to take, and would you like to participate in a virtual community hub with other deaf-centric organizations and programs
- 100-word response in English or Spanish per question
- 1-minute ASL video response per question
- Last question is multiple choice

# Grant Review Process

Grant Review Committee, DOF and CSD

- Evaluation Rubric
- Conflict of Interest





# Evaluation Rubric

 **Equity**

 **Impact**

 **Community Leadership**

 **Feasibility**

# Conflict of Interest

- Grant Review Committee (GRC), Deaf Organizations Fund and Communication Service for the Deaf, Inc. (CSD)
- Conflict of Interest
- Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
- Application question

# What to expect if awarded

- Timeline
  - January 2025 - December 2025
  - Grant agreement review meeting
- Reporting Requirements
  - 6 months: Interim report
  - 12 months/project completion: Final report
- Optional additional Zoom meetings for support

# Q&A



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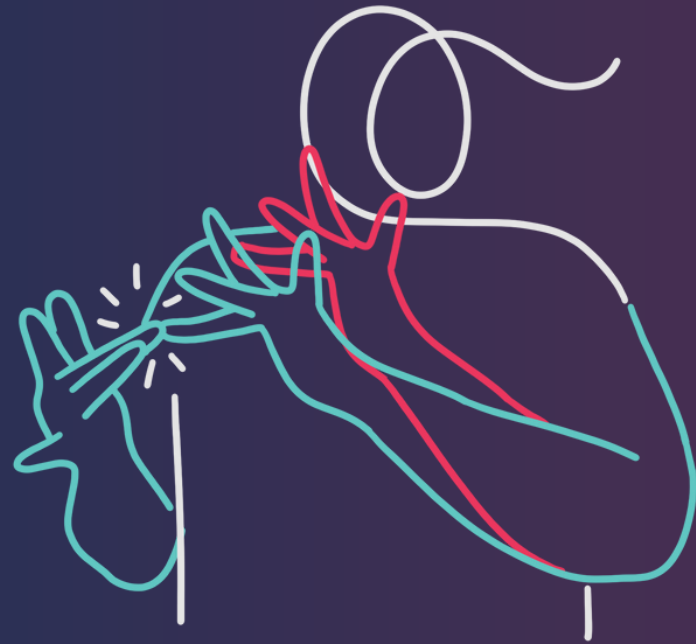
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 **Grant Overview:** <https://bit.ly/2025DOFImpactGrant>

- Preview application questions in [American Sign Language \(ASL\)](#).
- Preview application questions in [English \(PDF\)](#).
- Preview application in [Spanish \(PDF\)](#).
- Access the [Evaluation Rubric](#)

 **Submit your application by [October 9th at 5:00 PM CT](#): [Submittable Portal](#)**

# Contact Information



## General Application Questions

DOF@DeafOrganizationsFund.org

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