

# Changes to the Neighborhood SUCCESS Grant Program

## What is changing?

Grassroots organizations seeking to partner with the Wean Foundation for funding will first connect with staff on opportunities to build organizational capacity, strengthen networks and bolster internal processes. These opportunities include capacity building workshops and other Foundation-sponsored programs such as race equity and inclusion (REI) workshops. Engaging with the Wean Foundation through relationship-building opportunities takes the place of grantseeker orientations, interviews and a lengthy application. Grants to grassroots organizations and groups will now be known as Resident Engagement grants.

## Why is the program changing?

We know neighborhood challenges cannot be addressed through financial support alone. Over time, we've seen organizations and groups come to us with questions about budgeting, financial sustainability and succession planning. The changes we're making emphasize our values of resident engagement, learning, social equity, racial equity and inclusion.

## Why capacity building workshops before being eligible for funding?

By having the chance to get to know one another better and understand your mission, your work and your challenges and opportunities, we can take a more customized approach that adds value long-term, well beyond the life of a grant award.

## When can I apply for funding?

Applications are reviewed two times a year, in the spring and fall. For 2023, applications will first be reviewed in May with award decisions being made, in most cases, within two weeks of receiving a proposal.

## How much funding is available to my organization?

Grassroots groups and organizations can apply for \$500 to \$5,000 in funding. Organizations may apply during each funding cycle but are only eligible to receive funding once per calendar year.

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