



## 2026 Resident Engagement Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Grant Eligibility

**I received funding in the spring of 2025. Am I eligible to apply in the spring of 2026?**

*Yes.*

**I received funding in the fall of 2025. Am I eligible to apply in the spring of 2026?**

*No. You will be eligible to apply again in the spring of 2027.*

**Is there another opportunity to apply for Resident Engagement funding in 2026?**

*No. Resident Engagement grants are awarded annually.*

**I don't have a tax-exempt 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Am I eligible to apply?**

*Applicants must have nonprofit 501(c)(3) status, be part of a central organization recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a valid 501(c)(3), or qualify as a faith-based organization.*

**Our organization operates a 501(c)(3) and a for-profit business with similar missions. May we apply for this grant opportunity under our 501(c)(3) status?**

*No. Grant funds awarded to a 501(c)(3) must be used exclusively for that nonprofit's charitable purposes. The nonprofit entity must maintain clear legal, financial and operational separation from any affiliated for-profit entity. Funds may not be used to directly or indirectly benefit a for-profit business or subsidize its activities, which can sometimes occur when there is an overlap in mission, staffing or programming.*

**I don't live in Warren or Youngstown, but my project will benefit residents in those cities. Am I eligible to apply?**

*The Wean Foundation recommends the Primary Contact responsible for delivering the project is from Warren or Youngstown. For this grant opportunity, the Wean Foundation*

would like to see the residents of those communities involved in every step of the project, including planning, delivery and evaluation.

**Do I need to participate in Race Equity and Inclusion training to receive funding?**

The Wean Foundation recommends applicants participate in one of the two-day Race Equity and Inclusion workshops it sponsors prior to receiving support, as a demonstration of commitment to advancing racial equity in the Mahoning Valley. However, if you have not attended a workshop and are awarded funding, grantees are expected to participate in a workshop by the end of the grant period. [Click here for more information on the REI workshops.](#)

**I represent multiple organizations. Can I apply on their behalf?**

No. One (1) individual representing one (1) organization is eligible to apply for this grant opportunity.

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**How many grants will be awarded?**

The Wean Foundation aims to award as many grants as possible to initiatives that benefit the residents of Warren and Youngstown and advance its mission, vision, values and strategic priorities.

**Does this grant opportunity require a 1:1 match?**

Yes, this grant opportunity requires organizations to provide a 1:1 match. The match can be composed of cash, equipment and technology, materials and supplies, personnel and volunteer services, professional services, printing and marketing, space and/or facilities, or transportation and logistics.

**What expenses does this grant opportunity cover?**

Resident Engagement grants support programmatic expenses, including up to \$500 per personnel and/or professional expenses. The Wean Foundation suggests budgeting expenses that align with the purpose of this award where there is a tangible, collective benefit for residents, and any of the proposed project materials remain in perpetuity beyond the grant period. There is not a definitive list of ineligible expenses. The Wean Foundation invites grant seekers to consider proposing expenses that can't be received as

*an in-kind contribution. Grant seekers will learn more about developing a budget during Resident Engagement Grant workshops.*

**Our group will incur costs for this project prior to the grant decision or award. If approved, can we apply funds to these earlier expenses?**

*No. Prepaid or previously incurred expenses are not allowable. If your project begins before grant decisions are made, you may only use awarded grant funds for eligible expenses incurred during the grant period.*

**What if I need to reallocate the proposed expenses for an unexpected cost?**

*If there are any changes during the grant period, please notify the Wean Foundation at your earliest convenience for assistance. Email [grantmaking@weanfoundation.org](mailto:grantmaking@weanfoundation.org).*

## **Workshops**

**Must I attend a Resident Engagement Grant workshop?**

*Yes, attending a workshop is an eligibility requirement for grant consideration.*

**If I attended a workshop in 2025, do I need to attend in 2026?**

*If you attended a Resident Engagement Grant workshop in the spring of 2025, you must attend again in 2026 to be eligible to apply for funding. If you attended a workshop in the fall of 2025 and did not receive funding, you do not have to attend again in 2026, though we invite you to consider attending to ensure you receive up-to-date information about the application process.*

**I can't attend any of the workshops. Will they be recorded?**

*To be eligible to apply, please send at least one (1) representative from your organization to learn about the award and application process. The workshops are in person and not recorded.*

**This is my first time applying for a grant. In addition to the workshop, what other opportunities for support are there?**

*We offer grant seekers technical assistance with completing their application. Technical assistance is available by appointment **Tuesday, April 28**, through **Friday, May 1**, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. each day. Grant seekers must have attended a workshop and*

completed a draft of the grant application. Email us [here](#) to schedule an appointment. For issues logging into our application platform Bonterra, please email us [here](#).

We will also host a Share the Learning event on **Wednesday, April 8, from 5 to 8 p.m.**, at the Wean Foundation. This event is an opportunity for grant seekers and the community to hear from past Resident Engagement grantees about their projects, network and learn. More information will be provided soon.

### **Will there be refreshments?**

Yes, refreshments will be provided at all workshops.

## **Important Dates**

<b>Grant Application &amp; Workshop Registration Opens</b>	Fri., February 27, 8 a.m.
<b>Share the Learning Registration Opens</b>	Tues., March 10, 12 p.m.
<b>Share the Learning Registration Closes</b>	Wed., April 1, 5 p.m.
<b>Share the Learning</b>	Wed., April 8, 5-8 p.m.
<b>Workshops</b>	Tues., April 14, 5-7:30 p.m. Wed., April 15, 5-7:30 p.m. Thurs., April 16, 5-7:30 p.m.
<b>Technical Assistance</b>	Tues., April 28 – Fri., May 1
<i>Available by appointment each day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Schedule an appointment <a href="#">here</a>. To address any technical issues with Bonterra, click <a href="#">here</a>.</i>	
<b>Grant Application Closes</b>	Mon., May 11, 11:59 p.m.
<b>Grant Review Period</b>	Wed., May 13 – Fri., May 22
<b>Grant Determination Date</b>	Fri., June 5