



MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION

2017 Motorola Solutions Foundation Grant Program FAQs

Grant Guidelines

Q. Does my organization need to submit an inquiry form?

A. Yes, all organizations interested in receiving a Motorola Solutions Foundation grant must first submit an inquiry form by **Friday, February 24, 2017**. The Motorola Solutions Foundation team will select those organizations with public safety and/or technology and engineering education programming that most closely align with our 2017 grant priorities to submit formal online applications by May 22nd, 2017 (Note: organizations will be notified to submit a formal online application by mid-April, 2017).

Q. Can my organization apply for more than one grant?

A. Yes, an organization can apply for more than one grant; however, each organization will only receive funding for up to one request.

Q. Can I apply for a grant to purchase Motorola Solutions equipment?

A. No, Motorola Solutions Foundation grant funds cannot be used to purchase Motorola Solutions equipment.

Q. Can I apply for a grant to purchase non-Motorola Solutions equipment?

A. Yes, you may apply for a grant to purchase non-Motorola equipment, but equipment requests receive lower priority.

Q. Is it acceptable to include administrative fees as part of the grant request?

A. Yes, but only administrative fees that cover the implementation of the program requesting support and up to 15% for projects from school districts and universities, and 20% for projects from nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations.

Q. Do I need an invitation code?

A. No, organizations do not need an invitation code to submit an inquiry form.

Q. How strongly does employee engagement affect funding decisions?

A. Employee engagement is a criterion that Motorola Solutions Foundation will look at strongly. Those programs that currently engage Motorola Solutions employees as volunteers or board members will be prioritized, as will organizations that detail future volunteer opportunities.

Q. How much funding can we request?

A. The maximum request amount is \$50,000 USD.

Q. Do you accept applications for multiyear grants?

A. No, we do not accept applications for multiyear grants; however, many programs apply for a grant several years in a row.

Q. The organizations in my partnership have different tax statuses. Are we still eligible to apply?

A. Yes, organizations with different tax statuses may be part of a partnership; however, the organization applying for grant funding must be registered as a 501(c)3 organization, NCES school or school district in the United States, or be able to provide completed charitable equivalency forms if an organization or institution outside the United States.

Application Questions

Q. Who do I contact if I have questions about my application?

A. If you have a technical question about the application, click on the “I need help” link at the bottom of the application. If you have a question about program content or eligibility, email foundation@motorolasolutions.com.

Q. Why do I need to have more than one contact listed?

A. Listing more than one contact allows us to contact your organization in a timely manner, especially given how quickly staff roles or positions change. Include a contact from the following areas: executive, grant writer, and administrator/assistant. If your email account has a spam filter, add foundation@motorolasolutions.com to your contact list.

Q. How do I determine if someone is a primary participant in my program?

A. A primary participant is someone who directly benefits from the program. For example, in a teacher-training program, the teacher is a primary participant and the students are secondary participants. For an after-school program, the students enrolled in the program are the primary participants.

Q. How do I determine if someone is a secondary participant in my program?

A. A secondary participant benefits indirectly from the program. For example, in a teacher-training program, the teacher is a primary participant and the students are secondary participants.

Q. My organization has a very large operating budget. Do I need to submit the entire budget?

A. No, you do not need to submit your entire operating budget. If available, submit the operating budget for your individual school or department or a summary of revenue and expenses.

Q. Why do you ask for audited financial statements?

A. Audited financial statements allow us to understand the financial health of your organization.

Notification

Q. How will I know the Motorola Solutions Foundation received my inquiry form?

A. You will receive an email confirmation from foundation@motorolasolutions.com.

Q. When and how will I expect to find out if my inquiry is approved?

A. You will be notified via email of our decision to submit a formal grant application by mid-April, 2016.

Q. When will the grantees be publicly announced?

A. Motorola Solutions will make a public announcement of 2017 grant recipients after grantees are notified in mid-July, 2017; a complete listing of grant recipients will be available at www.motorolasolutions.com/foundation.

Evaluation

Q. When do I need to complete a program evaluation?

A. You will be required to complete an evaluation nine months after you are notified that your organization received a grant, or when you re-apply for funds. You will be notified via email when the evaluation form is available (usually six months after grant notification).

Q. What is expected for the evaluation process?

A. The awarded program should be able to demonstrate how their program will provide measurable change and impact. Specific outcome reporting will be required of all grant partners.