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"How do I know if the grant I am considering is right for my organization's needs?"

In order to find a solid fit, ideally, you want "yes" to be the answer to each of the questions below. In order to apply and have your application considered, you <u>must</u> be able to answer "yes" to the questions below that have been marked with an asterisk.

1. Do the program's purposes and objectives closely match your short– and/or long-term goals?*

2. Is your organization type an eligible applicant for the grant program?*

3. If the program's eligibility is limited to a specific or a set of specific geographic area(s), is your organization located within the stated area?*

4. Has the grant program ever funded a project like yours in the past?

5. Is the program aimed at serving the population you work with and desire funding for?

6. Is the award amount enough for you to accomplish all or a distinct part of your goals?

7. Are your budget needs "allowable costs" under the program?*

8. Will the awards be made *and* the money become accessible when you need it?

9. Is the length of the award period appropriate for your needs?

10. If there is a match requirement, is your organization willing and able to meet it?*

11. Are you and is your organization willing to comply with all programmatic requirements discussed in the grant guidance?*

12. Does your idea represent a novel solution based on proven methods?

13. If partnerships are required or strongly suggested, does your organization have appropriate relationships in place or is your organization willing to build appropriate relationships in order to respond to that requirement, *and* can you get letters from the necessary partners demonstrating their commitment by describing the role they will play?*

14. If the program requires a prior connection to the funder or its affiliate(s), does your organization have the necessary connection?*

15. Has your organization's authorized official agreed to allow you to pursue the grant?*

16. Can you create and submit a strong, complete proposal by the application deadline?*

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