

- **Will this impact my grant?**

Do you plan to apply for a grant of less than \$200,000 this summer? If so, this might impact the timing of your grant decision and award. If you need the funds before September, we recommend that you submit your initial grant inquiry by May 15, 2022. If you don't need the money before September, you may submit your inquiry at any time this summer.

If your grant request is for more than \$200,000, or if you are applying for a grant from an affiliated fund of the Cleveland Foundation, the timing of your grant decision and award will not be impacted by this pause.

For more information about the Cleveland Foundation's grantmaking process and how to apply for a grant, [click here](#).

- **When should I apply for a grant if I know I'll need funding in July or August?**

If you will need grant dollars awarded before September 2022, we encourage you to submit your initial grant inquiry by May 15, 2022.

- **Can I still apply for a grant in July or August?**

Yes. Our grant application portal will remain open, and organizations can continue to submit inquiries and applications throughout the months of July and August. However, our regular monthly grant decisions and awards during this time will be on hold until September.

- **What if my organization needs emergency funding during July or August?**

If you find that you need emergency funding during July or August, please reach out to your Program Officer or Director if you have an existing relationship with the foundation. Otherwise, please reach out to a member of the Grants Management team:

- Diane Kaszei, Director [dkaszei@clevefdn.org](mailto:dkaszei@clevefdn.org)
- Kirby Suntala, Associate Director [ksuntala@clevefdn.org](mailto:ksuntala@clevefdn.org)
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- **What if I have questions about a grant during July or August?**

Our virtual office will remain open during July and August, and staff will continue to be available for questions. Please reach out to your Program Officer or Director if you have an existing relationship with the foundation. Otherwise, please reach out to a member of the Grants Management team:

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- **If I apply for a grant during July or August, when can I expect a decision?**  
If you submit an inquiry for a grant of less than \$200,000 during the months of July or August, you can expect to hear back in late September to learn whether or not you will be invited to submit a full application. If you submitted a grant application in July or August, you can expect to hear back in September or October if your grant will be awarded. For grants of more than \$200,000, decisions are made on a quarterly basis, and grant applications submitted in July or August are generally decided at the end of September.
  
- **What if I want to apply for a grant from an affiliated fund of the Cleveland Foundation? Will that be impacted by this pause?**  
No. Grantmaking from [affiliated funds](#) will not be impacted by this pause.
  
- **Does this mean the foundation is giving out less money in 2022?**  
No. This pause will only affect the timing of certain grants – it will not impact the number of grants or the amount of money that the Cleveland Foundation awards in 2022.
  
- **When will grantmaking decisions and awards resume?**  
Grantmaking decisions and awards will pause in July 2022 and resume in September 2022.