



## **Visionaries for Change 2024 Grant Program Guidelines**

***Application Deadline: March 13, 2024***

### **About Us**

*Visionaries for Change*, a giving circle of the Hampton Roads Community Foundation, was established in 2019 by Black business and civic leaders in Hampton Roads. Visionaries donate money to a pooled fund, and together fund grants that improve life in Black communities experiencing economic distress in Hampton Roads. Members want to invest in organizations that build a healthy community, increasing everyone's opportunity for success.

### **Focus Area**

In 2024, *Visionaries for Change* will fund Black-serving 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Black-serving nonprofits are those with the majority (51% or more) of their clients being Black.

Grant applications should explain how the program for which funding is sought addresses one or more of the following priority impact areas:

1. Strengthen businesses and current entrepreneurs by providing mentorship activities, technical assistance and access to capital.
2. Create wealth and build long-term financial assets by providing financial literacy and education and employment opportunities for adults.

### **Grant Range and Pre-award Evaluation Process**

*Visionaries for Change* anticipates awarding grants that average \$5,000. Visionaries may award grants that are smaller and larger than \$5,000. Applicants may be contacted by a member of *Visionaries* to schedule a virtual or in-person site visit.

### **Eligible Organizations**

- *Visionaries for Change* will accept grant applications from Black-serving nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charity organizations that provide program and services within any of the following cities or counties: **Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Isle of Wight, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg or York County.**

- In good standing with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity organization with uninterrupted status since January 1, 2022.
- Has an operating budget of at least \$50,000. Audited financials or a full 990 are preferred. A 990-EZ may be considered with a profit and loss statement for the current year. 990-Ns are not accepted for this opportunity.
- In good standing with the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to operate in Virginia.
- In good standing with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to solicit contributions in Virginia.
- Board membership includes at least four individuals not including the CEO or Executive Director.

### **Current Foundation Recipients**

Organizations that have a current Foundation grant may apply for this opportunity. Applying for this grant will not impact the organization's ability to apply for a Community Grant, Special Interest Grant or any other grant program at the Foundation for which it is otherwise eligible.

**Note:** Only one grant application from any eligible nonprofit organization will be accepted.

### **Eligibility Restrictions**

*Visionaries for Change* will **NOT** fund the following:

- Purchases or activities occurring prior to grant decisions
- Deficit funding
- Fiscal sponsorships
- Scholarships or support for specific individuals
- Political or Fraternal organizations
- Private or Public Schools
- Private Hospitals and similar Health Care Facilities
- Endowments
- Capital Campaigns
- National or International organizations without a presence in Hampton Roads
- Political Advocacy and/or Lobbying to influence legislation
- Religious activities or Houses of Worship
- Multi-year grant requests

### **How to Apply for Funding**

#### **Application Submission Deadline — March 13, 2024**

Applications submitted after 11:59 p.m. on March 13, 2024 will **NOT** be considered. Organizations that **DO NOT** submit the required attachments may not be considered.

All applications must be submitted electronically through HRCF's online portal. Access the portal [here](#), click Apply at the top of the screen then select Apply next to the *Visionaries for Change* Grant. Grant decisions will be announced no later than June 10, 2024.

### **Application Information Sessions**

One virtual session to explain the grant opportunity and application will be held on:

**Thursday, February 8, 2024** | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | [Register](#)

All prospective applicants are **required** to have a representative attend the session. Please register for the session by clicking Register above. The session will **NOT** be recorded. If you have any questions, please contact Vivian Oden.

### **Questions about the Process**

- For questions about your grant application proposal, please contact Vivian Oden at [voden@hamptonroadscf.org](mailto:voden@hamptonroadscf.org) or call (757) 383-6052.
- For questions regarding HRCF's online application portal, please contact Gina Kelly at [grants@hamptonroadscf.org](mailto:grants@hamptonroadscf.org) or call (757) 622-7951.

### **Review Process**

Members of the *Visionaries for Change's* Grantmaking Committee will review grant applications and conduct in-person or virtual site visits. Grant decisions will be announced no later than June 10, 2024.

### **Grantee Reporting**

Grantees will be required to submit a brief final report, including a project success story, through HRCF's online grants portal. The final report date will be communicated through the Grant Agreement issued upon receipt of a grant award.