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NYC Discretionary Funding: Simplified

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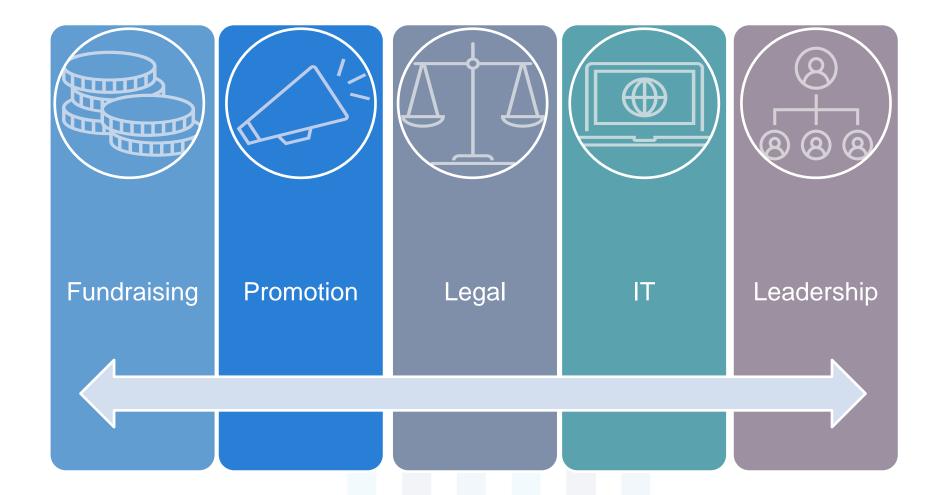
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Each year, Council Members allocate discretionary funds to not-for-profit organizations to meet local needs and fill gaps in City agency services. Thus, discretionary spending is a critical tool in meeting the needs of our communities.

Discretionary Funding Policies and Procedures

New York City Council

Duly appropriated sum of money in the City's expense budget allocated to eligible not-for-profit organizations by the Council or a Council Member.

Unlike competitively awarded Agency contracts, discretionary funding contracts are awarded for a single fiscal year.



Member Local Initiatives: Each Member and Borough Delegation receives and allocates an annual amount of discretionary funds, known as "local initiatives," to meet the needs of their district, and Borough. Various factors including local needs, the Member's request, and other considerations determine the allocation amount.

City Council Local Initiatives: Organizations may apply for funding directly to the Speaker, or Members may request that the Speaker fund an organization whose scope of services exceeds their individual ability to fund or serves a larger geographical area. This is often referred to as the "Speaker's list."

Member Aging Discretionary Funds: Each Member receives an annual amount to fund senior services in his or her district through the Department for the Aging.

Member Youth Discretionary Funds: Each Member receives an annual amount for the provision of services for youth or community development through the Department of Youth and Community Development. For youth programs, services may only be provided outside of school hours.



Member Community Safety and Victim Services Initiative: Council Members receive an annual amount to provide programming and services that promote community/public safety and awareness. As well as to promote community fellowship, civic engagement and improved relations between law enforcement and the neighborhood.

Citywide Initiatives: The Council may also initiate programs to address community needs that it feels are not adequately met by existing agency programming, or to extend the reach of agency programs to underserved communities or populations. In most cases, the Council provides funding to specific not-for-profit providers. These initiatives are usually citywide in scope, although they may focus on high-need communities or populations. The method of allocating funding varies by initiative and is at the discretion of the Council.





- Food distribution and hot meals programs
- Affordable, accessible mental health
- Recreational and cultural activities
- Youth programming: sports activities, educational classes and Workforce Readiness Assistance
- Community legal assistance
- Housing Justice, Immigration, and Civic Engagement programs and services
- Services to older adults including retired and senior volunteer programs
- Health Promotion Services





Discretionary funding is allocated **only** to not-forprofit, community-based social service providers and arts and cultural organizations.

Eligibility criteria:

- not-for-profit incorporation;
- current registration with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau (unless exempt); and
- valid Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN).





- Not-For-Profit Business Records Searches
- News article searches
- Potential conflicts of interest
- Tax Warrant database searches
- Not-for-profit entity status;
- Compliance with State Charity registration requirements or certification that the organization is exempt from the registration requirements;
- Active Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS;
- Current IRS tax exempt status;
- Past evaluations of contract performance; and
- Review of organizations' use and public purpose of funds.



Discretionary Funding: What Steps Should My Organization Take to Apply? PASSPort:

- 1. Get a NYC ID
- 2. Register on PASSPort
- 3. Apply for HHS Prequalification on PASSPort
- City Council Discretionary Portal:
 - 1. Register for an account on the City Council Discretionary Portal
 - 2. Complete the application on the portal

Work with Council Offices:

- 1. Request a meeting with the Council Member(s) to which your organization is applying.
- 2. Contact each Council Member's office your organization is applying to and ask if they require any supplemental forms be completed.
- 3. Complete and submit supplemental forms as necessary.
- 4. Invite each Council Member to your site and/or events! Share the work you are doing in their community with them!



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Step 1: Register and validate a NYC.ID (skip this step if you have a NYC.ID):

- 1. Go to the System Login page.
- 2. Click the PASSPort Login button.
- 3. Click the Login button.
- 4. Click the Create Account hyperlink underneath the login fields.
- 5. Fill in the NYC.ID account creation form and then click Create Account.
- Look out for the automated validation email to validate your email address.

https://wwwl.nyc.gov/account/register.htm



Step 2: Submit a Vendor PASSPort Account Request:

- 1. Go to the System Login page.
- 2. Click the PASSPort Login button.
- 3. Click the Login button.
- Enter your NYC.ID Email Address and password in the log in fields, then click Log In.
- Click Create Account to complete the vendor PASSPort account request form including the "Security Control" located below the form. Note: All fields with a red vertical bar are required.
- 6. Click Register.





Fiscal Year 2026 Discretionary Funding Expense Application Filing Period

Please be advised that all not-for-profit community-based organizations that wish to apply for discretionary funding for FY2026 must submit a Council Application. The FY2026 application will be posted on the Council's website at this location on **Monday**, **January 6th**, **2025** and the submission deadline will be on **Wednesday**, **February 19th**, **2025**.

Apply for FY2026 Discretionary Funding

Access Submitted and In-Progress Applications



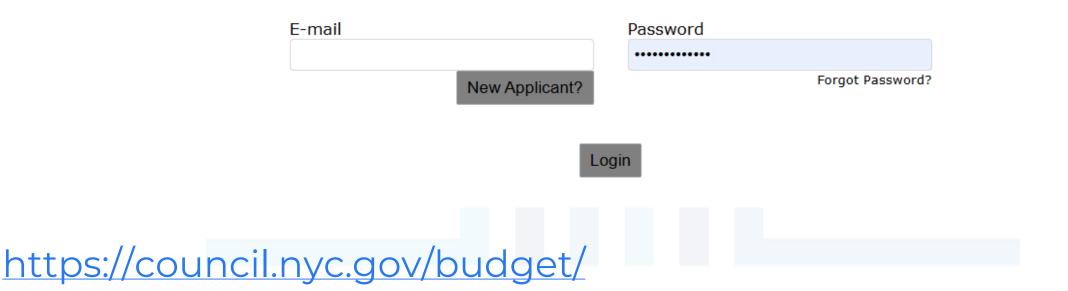
DUE Wednesday, February 19th, 2025



New York City Council Discretionary Funding Application

Please Sign In

- If you have an account, please log in using your E-mail Address and Password.
- First time users, please click on the "New Applicant" button found below.
- If you would like to make changes to a previously submitted application you may do so by clicking on the link provided in the system generated email that you have received after the application was submitted.







New York City Council Discretionary Funding Application

New Applicant?

An account allows you to access your saved and submitted applications at any time. It also allows us to send you a submission confirmation e-mail and notify you if additional information is necessary to process your application.

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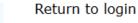
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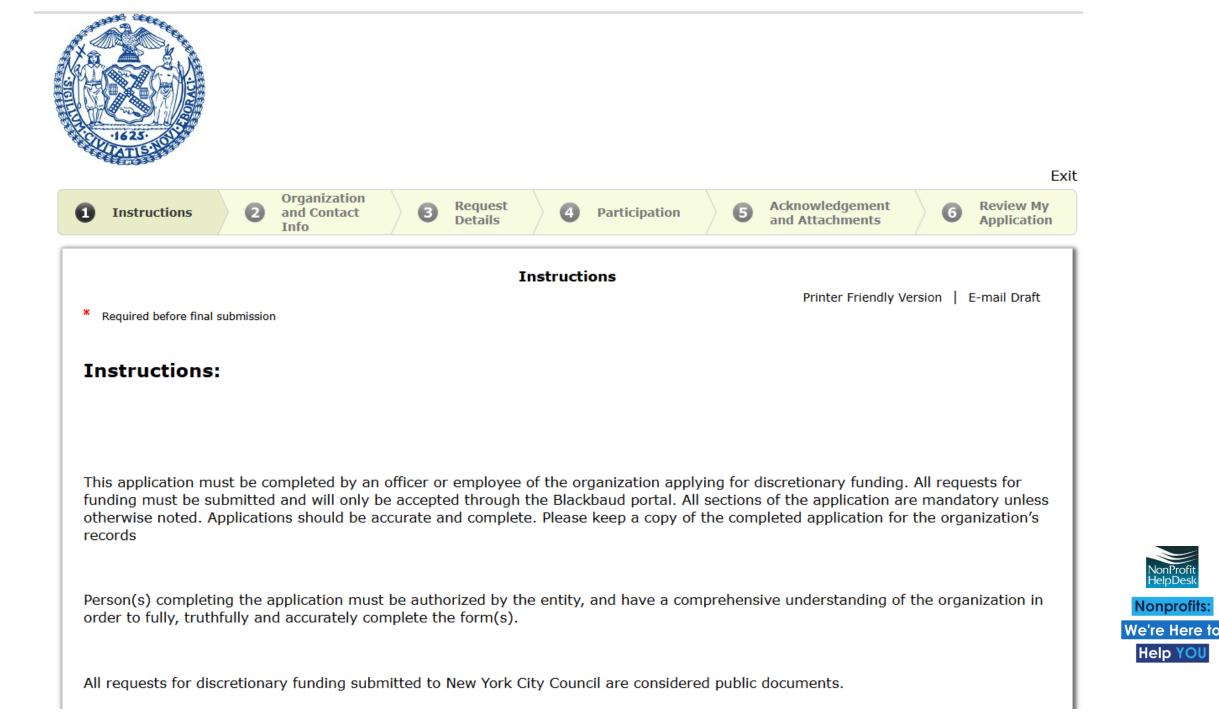
Password (must contain at least 12 characters, with at least three of the following character types: Lower case, Upper case, Numeric, Special)

Confirm Password



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1. Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN or EIN)
- 2. NYS Charities Bureau Registration Number
- 3. Annual Organization Operating Budget
- 4. Information/Documentation concerning inquiries, monitorships, government investigations, corrective action plans or audits (other than routine annual audit).
- 5. Organization's staffing information.
- 6. Program staffing information.
- 7. Certificate of incorporation (if incorporated on or after July 1, 2023)
- 8. List of Board Members and High/Executive Level Employees
- 9. Apply for Pre-Qualification in PASSPort



Instructions

* Is the FEIN currently being used or shared by another organization view of the second secon	tion?
* Has the FEIN ever been used or shared by another organization	n in the past?
 * If yes, please list the name of the organization(s) and time period 0 	iod(s), otherwise please answer N/A
* Does the organization currently use or has the organization use No • No •	ed an alternate or different FEIN?
If YES, please list alternate FEIN, otherwise please answer N/A	
* Is the entity tax exempt according to the Internal Revenue Service S	vice Code?
Is the organization's Internal Revenue Service tax exempt statu Yes 🗸	us current?
* Was the FEIN/Tax exempt status revoked in the last 10 years?	If yes, please enter the date of the revocation.
	 * Has the organization ever applied for Council funding in the past? ✓



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Within the past five (5) years, has the organization been subject to an independent inquiry, monitorship, government investigation or audit by any local, * state or federal government (including a current or past audit by the NYC Comptroller, a request for information and/or an inquiry by the Department of Investigation, and/or an audit/inquiry by a licensing agency) other than a routine audit?	0	Organization and Contact Info
 Within the past ten (10) years, has a current or former principal, senior employee, and/or officer of the organization been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor and/or been found in violation of any administrative, statutory and/or regulatory provision? 		
If yes, please provide the details of the conviction or violation.		
 * Does any current principal, employee and/or officer have any felony, misdemeanor and/or administrative charges currently pending? ✓ 		
If yes, please provide the pending charges.		
* Is the organization currently negotiating or operating under a Corrective Action Plan (CAP)?		
* If yes, please briefly explain the reason and purpose of the CAP. N/A		
 Within the past five (5) years has the entity been required to comply with Corrective Action Plan (CAP)? No 		
* If yes, please briefly explain the purpose and status of the CAP.		NonProfit HelpDesk Nonprofits:
 * Does the organization share office space, staff, equipment, or expenses with any other organization? No 		We're Here to Help YOU
If YES, please name the organization(s) and the nature of the relationship		

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NYC Agency Acronyms

MNBP	Manhattan Borough President
BXBP	Bronx Borough President
BKBP	Brooklyn Borough President
QNBP	Queens Borough President
SIBP	Staten Island Borough President
OEM	Office of Emergency Management
NYPL-R	New York Public Library, Rare Book and Manuscript Division
NYPL	New York Public Library
BPL	Brooklyn Public Library
QBPL	Queens Public Library
DOE	Department of Education
CUNY	The City University of New York
NYPD	New York Police Department
FDNY	New York City Fire Department
ACS	Administration for Children's Services
	Department of Social Services / The Human Resources
DSS/HRA	Administration
DHS	Department of Homeless Services
MOCJ	Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
NYCHA	New York City Housing Authority
DFTA	Department for the Aging
DCLA	Department of Cultural Affairs
DYCD	Department of Youth and Community Development
DOP	Department of Probation
SBS	Small Business Services
HPD	Housing Preservation and Development
DOHMH	Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene
HHC	Health + Hospitals
DSNY	Department of Sanitation
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPR	Department of Parks and Recreation
DCAS	Department of Citywide Services
DANY	Manhattan District Attorney's Office
DABX	Bronx District Attorney's Office
DABK	Brooklyn District Attorney's Office
DAQN	Queens District Attorney's Office
OSNP	Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Office
PANY	Public Advocate New York (Manhattan)
PABX	Public Advocate Bronx
PABK	Public Advocate Brooklyn
PAQN	Public Advocate Queens
PASI	Public Advocate Staten Island
DASI	Staten Island District Attorney's Office
DOITT	Office of Technology and Innovation
DCWP	Department of Consumer and Worker Protection
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Speaker Initiatives and/or City-Wide Initiatives List Please choose up to 10

No Selection / Not Applicable

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Child Health and Wellness

Children and Families in NYC Homeless System

Children Under Five

City's First Readers

Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund Citywide Young Adult Entpreneurship Program Initiative

Civic Education in New York City Schools

Coalition Theaters of Color

College and Career Readiness

Communities of Color Nonprofit Stabilization Fund

Community Composting

Community Development Financial Institutions

Community Housing Preservation Strategies

Community Interpreter Bank

Community Land Trust

Community Schools

COMPASS

Confronting Religious and Ethnic Discrimination at CUNY Construction Site Safety Training Court-Involved Youth Mental Health Initiative



Request

Details



Create New Technology Incubators

Creative Arts Team

Crisis Management System

Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA)

Cultural Immigrant Initiative

CUNY Childcare Expansion

CUNY Citizenship NOW! Program

CUNY Research Institutes

CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) - (formerly Joseph S. Murphy Institute Center for Worker Education)

CUNY Social Worker Fellows

Cure Hate Initiative

Day Laborer Workforce Initiative

Dedicated Contraceptive Fund

Developmental, Psychological and Behavioral Health Services

Digital Inclusion and Literacy Initiative

Discharge Planning

Diversion Programs

Diversity, Inclusion & Equity in Tech Initiative

Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative

Domestic Worker and Employer Empowerment Initiative



Education Equity Action Plan

Educational Programs for Students Elder Abuse Prevention Programs Elie Wiesel Holocaust Survivors Ending the Epidemic Estate Planning and Resolution Initiative (EPAR) Family Advocacy and Guardianship Support Financial Empowerment for NYC's Renters Fiscal 2026 Subsidy: Brooklyn Public Library Fiscal 2026 Subsidy: New York Public Library Fiscal 2026 Subsidy: Queens Borough Public Library Fiscal 2026 Subsidy: Research Library Five Borough Chamber Alliance Food Access and Benefits Food Pantries Foreclosure Prevention Programs Ghetto Film School Accelerator Program Model Green Jobs Corps Program Hate Crimes Prevention HIV/AIDS Faith Based Initiative

3 Request Details

Home Loan Program Homeless Prevention Services for Veterans Housing Court Answers Housing Information Project HRA Teen RAPP Immigrant Health Initiative Immigrant Opportunities Initiative Information and Referral Services Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault Innovative Criminal Justice Programs Jill Chaifetz Helpline Job Placement for Veterans Job Training and Placement Initiative Key to the City Language Services Worker Cooperatives Legal Information and Support for Families Legal Services for Low-Income Immigrants Legal Services for Low-Income New Yorkers Legal Services for the Working Poor



Legal Services for Veterans LGBTQIA+ Community Services LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Curriculum LGBTQIA+ Older Adult Services in Every Borough LGBTQIA+ Youth All-Borough Mental Health Low Wage Worker Support Made in NYC Maternal and Child Health Services MCCAP Initiative Mental Health Clubhouses Mental Health Services for Veterans Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations Mental Health Workforce Retention and Development Initiative MWBE Leadership Associations Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) Neighborhood Development Grant Initiative New Initiative New York Immigrant Family Unity Project NYC Cleanup Older Adult Clubs for Immigrant Populations

Older Adult Clubs for Immigrant Populations Older Adult Clubs, Programs, and Enhancements Older Adults Mental Health Opioid Prevention and Treatment Parks Equity Initiative Peter F. Vallone Academic Scholarship Physical Education and Fitness Prevent Sexual Assault (PSA) Initiative for Young Adults Pride At Work Prisoners' Rights Project Reproductive and Sexual Health Services Social Adult Day Care Social and Emotional Supports for Students Speaker's Initiative Sports Training and Rolemodels for Success (STARS) Initiative Stabilizing NYC Step In and Stop It Initiative to Address Bystander Intervention Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialists SU-CASA Support for Arts Instruction



Support for Educators Support for Immigrant and Women Workers Support for Persons Involved in the Sex Trade Support for Victims of Human Trafficking Support Our Older Adults Supportive Alternatives to Violent Encounters (SAVE) Trans Equity Programs Trauma Recovery Centers Unaccompanied Minor Children and Families Veteran Resource Centers Veterans Community Development Viral Hepatitis Prevention Welcome NYC Work-Based Learning Internships Worker Cooperative Business Development Initiative Wrap-Around Support for Traditional-Aged Foster Youth Young Women's Leadership Development YouthBuild Project Initiative



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* Please provide mission statement of the organization.

* What program/service is the funding being requested for?

* Please describe the program/service that will be receiving the allocation? Include a description on how the requested funds will be used.

* When will the program operate Please list days/times of program/service.



* Please provide physical location(s) of program/service.

* What is the target demographic for program/service?

What is the Geographic Area served e.g. Citywide; Brooklyn; Council District 39; Community Board 6; Flatbush, etc.

* Briefly describe the staffing for the program

Yes ¥

Yes ¥

Programs and services supported by Discretionary Funding are to be open and free to members of the community without costs or fees charged. Should fees be charged, the rate should not be at a level that discourages and/or impedes participation

* Does the organization charge fees for its services and/or programming?

* If yes, does the organization have a hardship exemption and/or fee waiver policy?

* Please describe what the organization does to inform the community of program/service



* What methods and/or practices are used to invite the community to participate in program/service?

* Please describe the community benefit of the program / services that is being considered for funding





Religious/Private Affiliation

* Is/will the program/service be located in, operated by and/or affiliated with a religious/parochial and/or private school?	
What estimated percentage of program/service participants also attend the religious/parochial and/or private school?	
 Is/will the program/service be located in, operated by and/or affiliated with a religious organization and/or place of worship? ✓ 	
What estimated percentage of program/service participants also participate or are members of the religious organization or plac worship?	e of
Please describe what types of outreach and/or advertising is done to invite the community/general public to invite and participate in t programming/services being offered.	the Profit pDesk
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 * Has the organization proposed or similar services in the past? • 	
If yes, briefly describe how long service(s) have been offered.	
If no, briefly explain why proposed service/program had not been previously offered; and what qualifications the organization has to these services.	start providing
 * Did the organization receive funding for Fiscal Year 2024? ✓ 	
If yes, please describe how the Fiscal Year 2024 funds were utilized. (Please respond to each separate allocation your organization received.)	

* Please list all performance evaluations from federal, state, and city agencies for the last three years (2022-2024) Include agency, rating and date	
To the best of your knowledge; has the organization been registered into a multi-year contract by a contracting agency (ex. DYCD, SBS, DFTA)?
 Organizations requesting discretionary funding are responsible for delivering the program/service themselves. Subcontra solely ancillary support for delivering program/service. Does the entity have the capacity to provide the proposed program 	
* If no, will the organization be using subcontractors? Yes v	
* Please explain why a subcontractor is needed.	



New York City Council Discretionary Funding Fiscal Year 2026 Conflicts of Interest Disclosure



Acknowledgement and Attachments

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Legal Name of Organization
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Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN/EIN)

POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR ASSOCIATES

Report personal and financial relationships between all City Elected Officials, persons or firms associated with the City Elected Official, and the organization and its staff that could give rise to an actual conflict of interest or the appearance of a possible conflict of interest.

City Elected Official: Ch.68, S.2601(10)

New York City Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate, Borough President or Council Member

"Associated" Person or Firm: Ch68, S. 2601.5

- Spouse, Domestic Partner, Child, Parent, Sibling of a City Elected Official:
- · Person with whom the public servant has a business or other financial relationship
- Firms in which the City Elected Official has a present or potential interest
- Employees of the Sponsoring Council Member and / or Spouse, Domestic Partner, Child, Parent, Sibling of Such Employees

Connection to Organization Including:

- Organization's Employee, Board Member, Director, Trustee, Officer or Consultant of the organization
- Persons with a direct or indirect financial interest in the organization
 - Persons who have received or will receive any direct or indirect financial benefit from the organization or from this funding

Attach additional sheets as needed.

This MUST be signed and sent in even if you have no conflicts to disclose.

	Name, Title, Position of City Official or Associated Person	Name, Title, Position and Relationship of Person with Organization
	Sample Disclosure: Council Member Chris Marks	Sample Disclosure: Council Member Marks serves on our board of directors
	Sample Disclosure: Carol Smith, Council Member Marks' Chief of Staff	Sample Disclosure: Carol Smith, Chief of Staff to Council Member Marks, is one of our paid consultants
	Sample Disclosure: Jake Jock, Council Member Marks' Deputy Chief of Staff	Sample Disclosure: Jake Jock's son owns the business that supplied equipment to a baseball team that we sponsored
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Authorized Official: _______ Signature

Date



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New York City Council Discretionary Fiscal Year 2026 CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AND APPLICATION COMPLETENESS

I certify that:

- I am authorized by the organization seeking funding to complete and submit this request for funding on behalf of the organization;
- I took reasonable steps to make sure that the information on this form is complete, true and accurate.

I understand that it is a crime to knowingly submit a request for funding that contains or may contain false information. I understand that violators are subject to prosecution.

Authorized Official: Signature		Date
Authorized Official: Print Name		Title
Legal Name of Organization		
Legal Name of Organization		
Federal Employee Identification N	umber (FEIN/EIN)	
Sworn to before me this	_ day of	. 20
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Notary Public

Engage City Council Members

Contact the Council Members' offices to which you are going to apply and request any additional supplemental forms they require.

Council Members want to see your Organization has internal capacity! Keep program and service delivery subcontracting to a minimum.

Engage with your Council Member! Invite them to your site. Share your good work and programs with them. Mail them your brochures. Add them to your mailing lists and social media.



ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY & TIMELINE





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Remember this is a reimbursement grant! (unless you contract with DCLA)

Does your organization have the staffing and financial resources to manage?



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