

Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation FAQs for Grantees During COVID-19 Crisis

How will the Foundation treat pending requests?

All submitted grant requests are on hold. Organizations that have applied will receive outreach from Program Officers to provide an update. If organizations wish to change or withdraw their request, they must communicate this to a Program Officer in writing and provide additional information as requested.

How will the Foundation respond to new requests?

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The Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation's grant process will remain invitation-only. Regular grant-making activities, including meetings to discuss projects, have been suspended.

The Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation continues to consider Omaha Award requests during the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage applicants to reach out to a program officer prior to submission to discuss needs.

Family Foundations

Dixon Family Foundation, Amy L. Scott Family Foundation, Parker Family Foundation, Lori & David Scott Foundation and Singer Foundation all have an open grant application process. Organizations must request an application link or use an existing account to apply. Each foundation is unique and response to the COVID-19 crisis will vary. It is recommended that organizations discuss their request with the assigned Program Officer.

Will the Foundation consider emergency response requests?

Yes – The Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation is currently accepting requests for emergency assistance related to basic needs. Funding is meant to support goods and services beyond regularly budgeted operations. Grantees must demonstrate a solid plan and follow safety guidelines. Preference will be given to those who coordinate with community partners. At this time the Foundation is not considering requests for operating support to assist with revenue loss as a result of event cancellations and postponements or facility closures.

How can my organization apply for emergency assistance?

Organizations that wish to apply for emergency assistance should contact a Program Officer and prepare to respond to the following questions.

- What is the unanticipated need that your organization is facing as a result of the COVID-19 crisis?
- How many people will you serve? How does this differ from regular operations?
- How much is the organization estimating it will need? What timeframe will this cover?
- What is the project budget? Does this represent an increased demand for existing services or new services that you are providing?
- How much are you requesting?
- What type of funding are you requesting? What will it be used to support?
- Please list any committed and pending funding sources.

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- Do you have any reserve funding or other funding sources that could be accessed?
- Are you applying for SBA loans?
- How are you coordinating with other agencies and community efforts?
- Do you anticipate additional requests as this further develops?
- What else should we know?
- How are you handling compensation and benefits for full and part-time staff who have been forced to take time off or reduced hours?
- What is your plan and capacity for receiving mail and making deposits?