FY25 MINI-GRANT INFO SESSION

Volunteer NH

Funding Overview

Purpose: To increase your organization's capacity to recruit, train, support, manage, and/or retain volunteers through a one-time, specific purchase (or purchases) in one eligible funding category

Eligible Organizations: Nonprofits, state/local governments, institutions of higher education

Funding Amount: $1,000 - $4,000

Important Dates:

- **Due Date:** Friday, December 13 (4pm)
- **Notification:** Friday, December 20
- **Grant Period:** January 6 - April 15, 2025

Eligible Funding Categories:

- Volunteer Management Technology
- Volunteer Outreach Costs
- Volunteer Training(s)
- Volunteer Manager Training
- Volunteer Program Development/Improvement

Application Submission: Through the Volunteer NH Online Application System (https://volunteernh.smapply.io/)

Additional Documents:

- Mini-Grant NOFO
- Application Questions Preview
- Mini-Grant FAQs
- Budget Template & Sample Budgets

Want To Be Succcessful?

Read The Notice of Funding Opportunity

(*and additional documents*)

Volunteer NH expects to fund **7-10 applications** but typically receives at least twice that, making it a very competitive process.

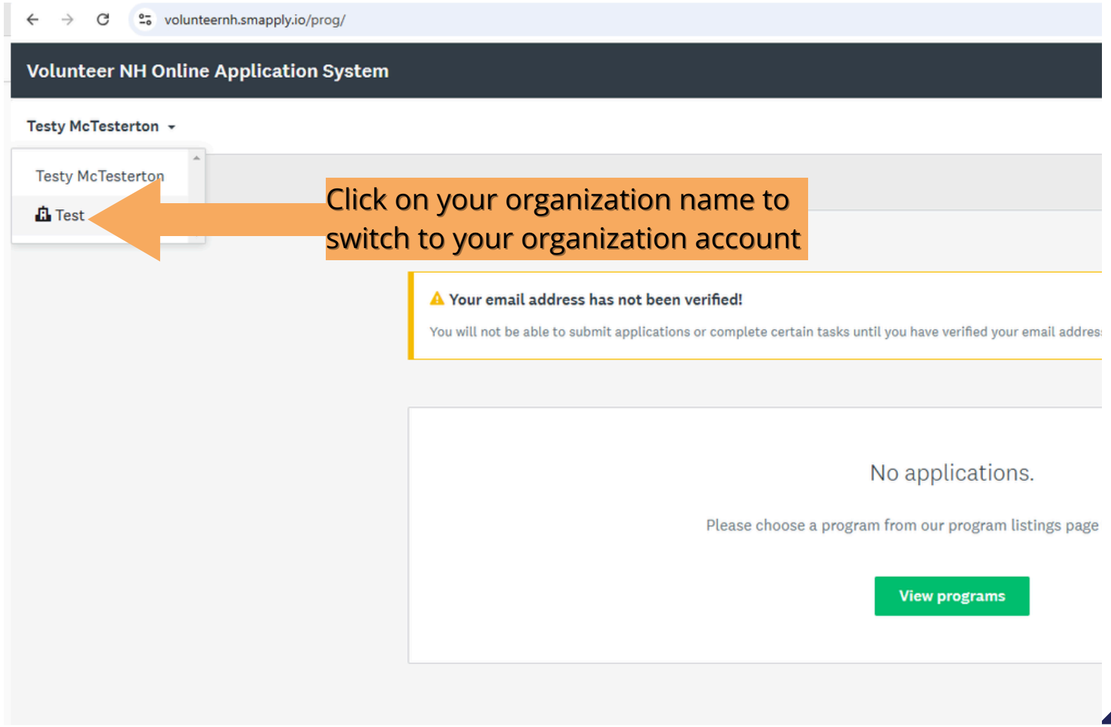
We expect to only fund **entirely correct and complete applications**, so make sure you're reading everything thoroughly.

Started Your Application and Can’t Find It Now?

You just need to change your account view!

When you log back into your account, you are automatically signed in to your *individual*, rather than your *organization*, account.

To switch to your organization account, look at the *top left-hand side* of your page. You will see your name. Click on the dropdown arrow next to your name and select the name of your organization (it will have a *building icon* next to it).



Common Application Mistakes

Including purchases from multiple cost categories (*e.g. volunteer training AND volunteer recruitment*)

Including costs that are not allowed (*e.g. volunteer gifts/swag, volunteer management software*). *Please don't just call an unallowed cost by a different name and think that makes it allowable.

The amount requested in the budget does not match the application

Requesting to purchase something your organization is already paying for (*e.g. your organization hosts a yearly volunteer training and you ask to use these funds to pay for it instead*)

Not answering questions thoroughly/making assumptions of the reviewers (*e.g. not explaining how a specific item will actually increase your org's volunteer capacity; calling a platform or a piece of technology by its brand name without explaining what it is or does.)*

Waiting until the last minute to submit (*it's always good to submit early to anticipate technical or other issues).*

Not asking questions *(we are happy to give guidance if you have a specific question or scenario).*

Not reading the NOFO and/or additional documents thoroughly (*all the information you need should be right there*)

Other Information

Questions? Email Jamie Browder, Special Program Assistant (Jamie@VolunteerNH.org)

Looking for the Funding Opportunity Documents? The can all be found on the Volunteer NH website: https://volunteernh.org/news-opportunities/funding-opportunity-fy25-mini-grants-round-i/

Not ready to apply? Volunteer NH anticipates offering quarterly Mini-Grant Opportunities through 2026.

The tentative dates for 2025 can be found on the Volunteer NH website: https://volunteernh.org/apply-nh-volunteer-engagement-program/

Open Q&A