



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

# Faith in Elections Playbook Grants: Organization and Association Grants

*Interfaith America and Protect Democracy create opportunities for faith-based organizations to take meaningful action to protect the 2024 election.*

## Opportunity

If you are ready and able to serve our democracy in its hour of need, we are ready to partner with you. The Faith in Elections Playbook can help your faith community, organization or association find its own way to support and protect the 2024 election. Designed with tools to help you address polarization, build cohesion in your community, share trustworthy information about voting processes and support, recruit poll workers and establish new polling places, you can find a way to meet the needs of your community no matter your worldview, identities, or location.

## Racial Equity Commitment

As a part of our commitment to racial equity, Interfaith America, and the staff who steward our grants look to integrate thought partners with diverse racial backgrounds throughout the process of the grant- from creation to outreach, applications, implementation, and feedback. We are intentional about reaching out to new communities and partners, thinking critically about racial diversity in the applicant and acceptance pools.

## Program Overview: Organization Grants

Grants are being offered to for religious, educational, and civic 501(c)(3) organizations to provide a stipend to an organizer (up to half), pay for materials, or cover costs for an event.

Below are specific examples, requirements, and deliverables for the grants for the Organization Grants:

- Eligibility: This funding is reserved for religious, educational, and civic 501(c)(3) organizations. Individuals should apply on behalf of their organization. The grant may not be used for partisan political purposes, for the benefit of or opposition to any political party or candidate, or to lobby a political body on behalf of or in opposition to any legislation or other proposal that may come before that body.
- Deliverables: Organizations who receive these funds will commit to doing two (2) of the following:



- Recruit at least ten (10) people to sign up as poll workers.
- Find one (1) new polling location in their county.
- Recruit five (5) poll chaplains. Implement trustworthy information initiatives (see [Playbook](#) for examples).
- Host one (1) meeting between local election officials and community leaders.
- Host at least three (3) bridge-building activities.

## Program Overview: Network and Association Grants

Grants are being offered to religious, educational, and civic 501(c)(3) associations with a network of partners, affiliates, or members to maximize impact through partnership.

Below are specific examples, requirements, and deliverables for the grants for the Network and Association Grants:

- **Eligibility:** This funding is reserved for religious, educational, and civic 501(c)(3) associations with a network of partners, affiliates or members to achieve the grant requirements. The grant may not be used for partisan political purposes, for the benefit of or opposition to any political party or candidate, or to lobby a political body on behalf of or in opposition to any legislation or other proposal that may come before that body.
- **Deliverables:** These entities must commit to doing three (3) of the following:
  - Recruit fifty (50) people to sign up as poll workers.
  - Find one (1) new polling location throughout their network.
  - Recruit ten (10) poll chaplains.
  - Have at least ten (10) entities implement trustworthy information initiatives (see [Playbook](#) for examples).
  - Host five (5) meetings between local election officials and leaders from the organization's network.
  - Host ten (10) bridge-building conversations.

## Funding Information

The Organization Grant is \$1,000 and will be paid in one installment. The Network and Association grant is \$15,000 and will be paid in two installments. The grants may be paid to institutions or organizations. Payments will be sent within 30 days of receiving all required paperwork. The grantee is responsible for understanding and navigating their institutional or organizational grant processes. Additionally, those who receive funding may receive a 1099 tax form at the end of the year. The funds may not be used for overhead costs. Up to 50% of the grant funds may be paid to the project leader(s).

### APPLICATION ELEMENTS

Organization Grants: The application process will include a brief project description with your chosen two of the above deliverables and a proposed budget.



Network and Association Grants: The application process will include a project description with your chosen three of the aforementioned deliverables, statement of support from organizational leadership and a proposed budget.

## Program Timeline

Organizational and Network Grants will be accepted on a rolling basis to support proposals for work up to 4 months after the application.

- **Applications Open:** Apply for an Organizational and Network Grants at any time.
- **Decisions Communicated:** Decisions will be communicated up to 3 weeks after submission for \$1,000 organizational grants and up to 4 weeks after submission for \$15,000 network grants.
- **Grants Disbursed:** 30 days after full paperwork is submitted
- **Program and Budget Report due:** Program and budget reports are due 4 months after payments is disbursed for Organizational and Network Grants.

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