Impact and Catalyst Grant Summary

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The One Hive Foundation is issuing requests for proposals for projects that align with One Hive's mission to protect pollinator health and support ecologically responsible agriculture. We have two opportunities:

1. **Impact Grants** — for larger, high-impact, multi-year, and/or collaborative projects that align with the Foundation's highest priorities. Requests may be up to $75,000 per year for up to three years.
2. **Catalyst Grants** — for smaller awards that support emerging partnerships, pilot projects, early-stage projects, and/or community-based initiatives that align with the Foundation's priorities. Requests may be up to $10,000 for one year.

Bombus terricola. Photo credit: Leslie Spencer.

Grant Programs at a Glance

	Impact Grants	Catalyst Grants
Purpose	Support larger-scale, high-impact efforts that advance One Hive Foundation's priorities and have the potential for significant, lasting impact.	Support smaller-scale efforts that build momentum, strengthen partnerships, test approaches, or advance emerging work aligned with One Hive Foundation's priorities.
Best Fit For	Established initiatives, collaborative projects, systems-level efforts, and multi-year programs.	Emerging partnerships, pilot projects, early-stage efforts, and community-based initiatives.
Funding Amount	Up to $75,000 per year	Up to $10,000 for one year
Grant Term	Up to 3 years	1 year
Project Scope	Larger, multi-faceted projects with measurable outcomes and broad impact.	Focused projects with a defined scope and achievable outcomes within one year.
Application Process	Two-phase process: Letter of Intent (LOI) followed by a full proposal invitation.	Single-phase process: applicants submit a full proposal directly.
LOI Required?	Yes	No
Proposal Deadline	LOI: September 15 Full Proposal: December 1 (invited applicants only)	December 1
Proposal Stipend	Organizations invited to submit a full proposal will receive a $500 unrestricted stipend.	No proposal stipend is provided due to a shorter, single-phase proposal process.

Application/Review Process & Timeline

Impact Grants (up to $75,000 per year for up to three years)

There is a two-phase application process for Impact Grants. In the first phase, applicants will submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) via an online form, which includes an overview of the organization, the proposed funding request, and the amount requested. These will be reviewed by the One Hive Foundation's staff team and Advisory Council.

Applicants for the Impact Grants that are selected to proceed to phase two will be invited to submit a full proposal with a longer narrative and more detailed budget and financial information. Applicant organizations will receive a stipend for developing and submitting a full proposal, as outlined below.

Catalyst Grants (up to $10,000 for one year)

Due to their smaller size, Catalyst Grants do not require the LOI phase. Applicants for Catalyst Grants will submit a full proposal directly. This proposal process is a more streamlined version of an Impact Grant full proposal. These proposals are submitted via an online platform, which includes an overview of the organization, proposed funding request, expected outcomes, and a budget overview.

The One Hive Foundation will review grants on the following schedule:

	Impact Grants	Catalyst Grants
LOI Due	September 15	N/A
Full Proposals Invited	October 15	N/A
Proposal Due	December 1 (invited)	December 1
Funding Decision	February 15	February 15

Stipend Policy

One Hive Foundation will make a grant of $500 to each organization invited to submit a full Impact Grant proposal after the LOI round. These funds are unrestricted and acknowledge that Impact Grant full proposals are valuable to educate the Advisory

Council. It is consistent with the Foundation's philosophy that recognizes the time applicants spend seeking funds and reporting on grants. These grants will be paid to all public charity applicants (or fiscal sponsors of requested projects) at the time of the Advisory Council's final decision on the project. If awarded funding for the requested project, these funds will be added to that grant award. If funding is not awarded, the applicant will receive the $500 grant when notified of the Advisory Council's decision. Stipends are not issued for Catalyst Grant proposal submissions.

Because the Catalyst Grant applications are more streamlined in a single phase, the stipend policy does not apply for that grant program.

Grant Amounts

For **Impact Grants**, the One Hive Foundation will accept proposals across a broad range of funding amounts, with a maximum request of $75,000 per year for up to three years. Multi-partner requests can exceed the maximum on a case-by-case basis. If the applicant is requesting funding for a multi-partner project, please indicate so in your request summary. For **Catalyst Grants**, the request maximum is $10,000 and grants are single year grants.

Focus Areas

The One Hive Foundation seeks to support projects that advance resilient agricultural systems, protect pollinators, and accelerate meaningful, science-based change. Funding priority is given to proposals that align with the following areas. These priorities are applicable for both Impact and Catalyst grants.

Highest Priority

- **Advocacy and public policy efforts that reduce pesticide use** and promote science-based agricultural policies that improve pollinator health, environmental quality, and human health.
- **Farmer-focused education and advocacy** that empowers farmers, beekeepers, students, and agricultural professionals to adopt and advance ecologically responsible agricultural practices and solutions through hands-on learning, training, and engagement.

- **Scientific research on pesticide impacts** to pollinators, ecosystems, and public health, particularly projects that are novel, fill critical knowledge gaps, or directly inform policy and advocacy.
- **Scientific research on ecologically responsible agriculture** that evaluates practices capable of reducing pesticide use/impacts, improving pollinator health, biodiversity, soil health, water quality, and farm resilience.
- **Projects that examine the integrity and sustainability of the beekeeping industry**, including issues such as honey adulteration, market transparency, and economic viability, through research, public education, or advocacy.
- **Projects that translate scientific research into action**, including public education, policy development, and practical implementation.

Additional Areas of Interest (Medium Priority)

The Foundation will also consider support for:

- **Programs that nurture a diverse, collaborative, and well-networked next generation** of farmers, beekeepers, scientists, and advocates.
- **Community education initiatives** focused on pollinator health when integrated into broader advocacy, research, or agricultural programs.
- **Research evaluating pollinator habitat conservation** and restoration at landscape or regional scales.
- **Large-scale habitat conservation, restoration, or enhancement projects** implemented through land trusts, agricultural organizations, or other partners capable of achieving measurable landscape-level impact.
- **Projects that partner with businesses** to improve pollinator conservation practices across supply chains, facilities, and consumer education.
- **Support** to build the capacity of advocacy organizations, farmer organizations, and membership organizations advancing pollinator health and regenerative agriculture.
- **Support** for events and conferences that advance One Hive's high priority focus areas or support high priority project goals.

Lower Priority

The Foundation is **less** likely to support:

- Disease, pest, or pathogen-focused pollinator research unless it addresses a significant, unmet need or has clear implications for policy, industry transformation, or broad-scale management.
- Stand-alone community pollinator gardens, small habitat plantings, or similar local beautification projects that do not demonstrate broader educational, scientific, or landscape-level impact.

Use of Funds

Awarded funds can be used for operating or project expenses, including salaries, fringe benefits, travel, equipment and supplies, and/or publications. The One Hive Foundation's grants can be used to provide matching funding from other private or public sources. Indirect costs are limited to 13 percent of the requested amount.

Review Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Alignment with the One Hive Foundation's mission and values
- Alignment to one or more of the high priority focus areas above
- Potential for success and impact
- Collaborative approach
- Engagement with stakeholders (e.g. farmers/beekeepers, advocates, consumers, underserved communities, etc.)
- Ability to leverage existing funds and resources

Application Submission

To submit your Impact LOI or Catalyst proposal, please visit www.onehivefoundation.org or access the online application portal at https://goapply2.akoyago.com/OneHive. On the portal site, if you are a new user, please click on "Register a new account" and register as an "Organization."

Please enter the EIN/Tax Id of your organization. You must be a valid 501c3 organization or equivalent to proceed. Complete the organization profile and click the "Register" button.

To begin an application log back in to GoApply and navigate to the “Opportunities” tab. You will find the application listed there. Click “View” to open it.

You are welcome to review this guide on how to register or this password assistance guide. If you have questions about the application or review process please contact One Hive’s Philanthropic Advisor Gioia Perugini at gperugini@hembar.com. If you have technical questions about the online portal, please contact Senior Grants Manager Rita Goldberg at rgoldberg@hembar.com.