

One Hive Foundation
Catalyst Grant
Proposal Guidelines 2026–2027

Deadline: December 1, 2026, 5:00 PM Eastern Time.

The One Hive Foundation accepts **Catalyst Grant** proposals through a streamlined, single-phase application process; no Letter of Inquiry (LOI) is required. Catalyst Grants support smaller-scale efforts that build momentum, strengthen partnerships, test approaches, or advance emerging work aligned with the Foundation’s priorities. They are best suited for emerging partnerships, pilot projects, early-stage efforts, and community-based initiatives. Requests may be up to \$10,000 for one year.

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 apply to 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 empower 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 on 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 or its impacts and 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.

Grant Amounts

Catalyst Grant requests may be up to \$10,000 for a one-year grant period.

Use of Funds

Awarded funds may be used for operating or project expenses, including salaries, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, and publications. The One Hive Foundation’s grants may also be used as matching funds for support 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 with one or more of the priority focus areas above
- Potential for success and impact
- Collaborative approach, where applicable
- Engagement with relevant stakeholders (e.g., farmers, beekeepers, advocates, consumers, and underserved communities)
- Ability to leverage existing funds and resources, where applicable

How to Apply

[Online Application](#)



Catalyst Grants use a single-phase application process; no LOI is required. Log in to the online application portal and open the Catalyst Grant opportunity to complete and submit your full proposal by December 1, 2026, at 5:00 PM Eastern Time.

Application Requirements

The Catalyst Grant application is a streamlined full proposal. Applicants should provide the information below in the online application including the AI Disclosure and upload the requested documents. The proposal narrative may be no more than three pages using 12-point font and single spacing.

AI Disclosure

We recognize that AI tools can be valuable resources. To ensure transparency, accuracy, and originality, One Hive Foundation requests applicants who use AI tools to prepare their materials to answer the following questions on the **application form**:

- Specify the name and version of each AI tool used.
- Describe how and for what purpose each tool was used, such as drafting a specific section, editing, or summarizing.
- Describe the nature of the AI contribution and confirm that all content was reviewed, edited, and validated by the human applicants.
- Confirm that the applicant takes full responsibility for the proposal's content, originality, and accuracy.

Proposal Narrative (up to 3 pages, uploaded as a PDF)

Using the section headings below, describe the proposed work clearly and concisely:



Focus Area(s) – List the One Hive Foundation Focus Area(s) your organization or project addresses

Objectives – Provide a bulleted list of the project objectives (what the work aims to accomplish).

Background or Need – Provide relevant background and context and describe the opportunity, challenge, issue, or need the project seeks to address and why the work is important. For research proposals, include relevant preliminary data if applicable.

Activities – Describe the approach, methods, or strategy and identify significant deliverables or products that will result from the work.

Impact – Describe the anticipated impact of the work and how you will track and assess progress toward the intended results.

Organization Personnel and Partnerships – Briefly describe the applicant's relevant experience and any partnerships, coalitions, or collaborators that will help advance the work, as applicable.

Additional Documents for Upload

In addition to the narrative, upload the documents listed below. PDF is the preferred format for document uploads unless otherwise noted.

Program Budget

All requests must include an organizational budget, either for the nonprofit applicant or the college/university lab/department. For project requests, provide a program budget in a spreadsheet or table showing both expenses



and revenue for the one-year project period. Expense categories may include personnel, contractors, fringe benefits, travel, materials and equipment, and indirect costs. Include any revenue, match funding, or in-kind support associated with the request, identifying each source and whether it is confirmed or pending. Indirect costs are limited to 13 percent of the requested amount.

IRS Form 990 — not required for requests from academic institutions

Nonprofit applicants should upload a copy of the organization's most recent IRS Form 990. If applying using a fiscal sponsor, upload the fiscal sponsor's IRS Form 990. This requirement does not apply to research grant applicants.

Audited Financials — not required for requests from academic institutions

Nonprofit applicants should submit the organization's most recent audited financial statements. If your organization does not conduct an annual audit, please submit a Profit and Loss Statement or a Financial Review. This requirement does not apply to research grant applicants.

