



Applying for a Kenedy Memorial Foundation Grant

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Hello. This is Antonio Mejia, Grant Coordinator for the Diocese of Corpus Christi. This presentation was created to provide direction and assistance when it comes to applying for grants through the Kenedy Memorial Foundation. This presentation will assist with all factors involved in the grant process.

Yearly Deadline:
October 15th

Yearly Meeting Date:
Typically May/June

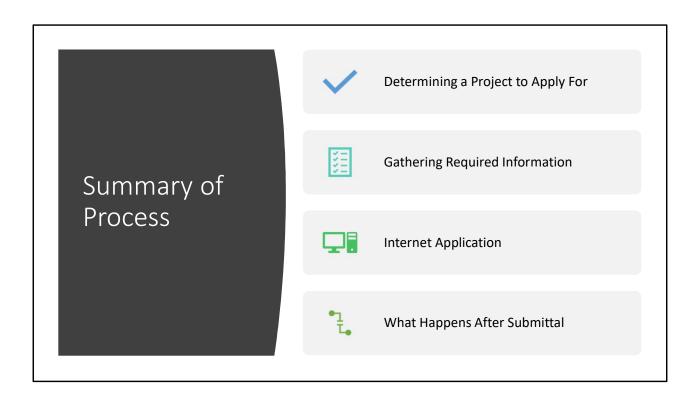
Website: KMF Application
Process

Before getting to the information regarding the application process, I would like to convey some important information:

First, the yearly deadline for applications that is set by the Kenedy Memorial Foundation is October 15th. All applications for consideration should be submitted no later than this date.

Secondly, the yearly meeting date the Kenedy Foundation discusses what grants will be funded is typically in May or June.

Lastly, a link to the website that has valuable information on grants and is used for application is provided. If, for some reason, you cannot click the link, go to https://kenedy.org/grants/application-process/



For application, we have divided this presentation into 4 sections:

- Determining what project you wish to apply for
- Gathering the required information for application
- Going through the application on the internet
- A small explanation of what takes place after submitting the application

Each of these sections should provide clarity in what type of projects can be funded, what is needed for application, and simplifying the actual application process.

Determining a Project to Apply For

Programs & Events

- Support for Religious Education Programs
- Support events for Youth Ministries
- Support education and catechesis

Construction & Purchases

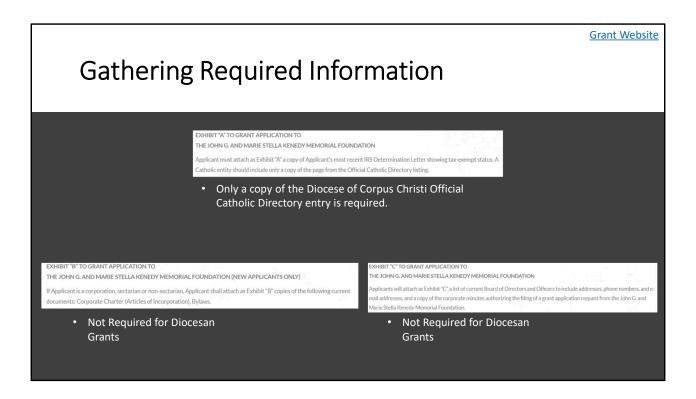
- Support purchase of computer equipment
- Support construction of additional classrooms
- Support renovation of buildings

The first step in applying for a Kenedy Foundation Grant will be determining what project your organization will apply for: this slide is designed to give a few examples of the type of projects that are funded through the Kenedy Foundation.

There are two categories of grants that are provided; the first category is Programs and Events. These types of grants can involve a vast array of categories, but a few examples of past awarded grants are those listed in the left column above. Most times, these type of grants are to help extend programs to a larger base, provide aid in costs for items such as Religious Education instructors or Youth Ministers, or even buying new materials such as textbooks.

The second category of grants are Construction & Purchases. As the name states, these grants focus on projects involving repair, renovation or brand new construction of buildings or larger purchases beyond the scale of a few small items. A few examples include, but are not limited to, those listed in the right column above.

A distinction between these two categories becomes relevant in the next section: Gathering Required Information.

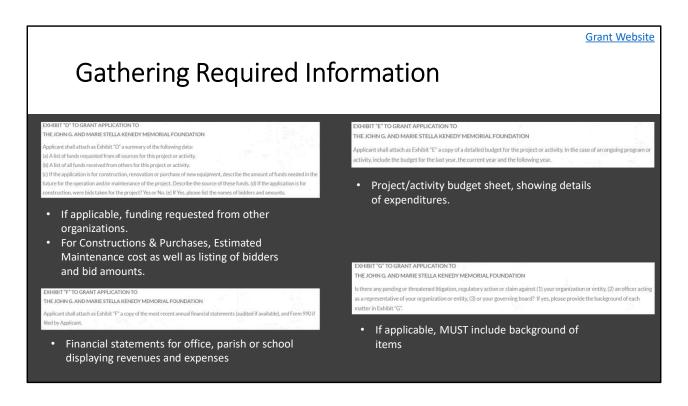


This portion of the presentation will focus on gathering the required information to ensure that you have everything for the grant application. For this, we will be using the listed required "Exhibits" from the Kenedy Foundation Website: all of these exhibit documents will be entered when completing the internet application. A link will be placed on the top right corner of these slides if, at any time, you wish to follow along on the site. (The URL for the website is https://kenedy.org/grants/application-process/)

Exhibit A requires documentation showing tax-exempt status. The only item required is a copy of the Diocese of Corpus Christi OCD entry: this will be sufficient in determining IRS tax-exempt status. This document is available from my office if you require.

Exhibit B is for corporations and does not apply for the Diocese of Corpus Christi and is not required.

Exhibit C is for organizations with boards of directors and officers and does not apply. Documentation for this section is not required.



Continuing from the previous slide, we will now look at Exhibits D through F.

Exhibit D is where the distinction of the Project is a Program/Event or Construction/Purchases Grant.

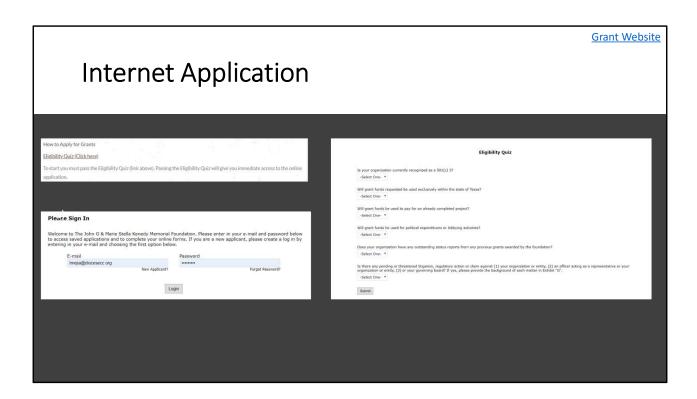
- If funds for the requested project were requested from another organization other than
 the Kenedy Memorial Foundation, information regarding that will need to be placed in
 this Exhibit. If this applies, a document showing the name of the organization and the
 amount requested and amount received will be sufficient.
- If the grant is for a Construction and Purchases project, A document showing the
 estimated cost for future operation and maintenance will be required: this information
 will likely come from the contractors on the project. Furthermore, if the project had bids
 taken on the project, the name of the bidders and bid amount will be required.

Exhibit E is the detailed budget of the project: this will be the breakdown of the costs associated with the project that is being applied for.

Exhibit F is the financial statements displaying the revenues and expenses of the parish, school, etc. that is applying for the grant.

Exhibit G MUST include, if applicable, backgrounds on any pending or threatened litigations

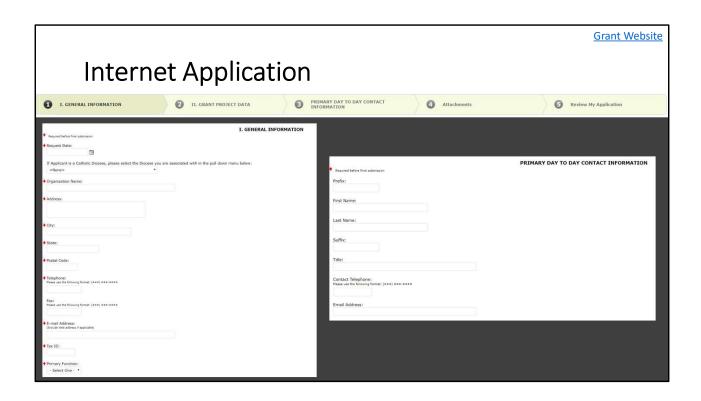
or claims against the applying organization.



The next three slides will contain a general overview of the application that the Kenedy Foundation has on their website. To begin, the Eligibility Quiz must be taken to determine if your organization is eligible to apply.

On the website link on the top right corner (link URL https://kenedy.org/grants/application-process/), please look for the section titled "How to Apply for Grants" with the link labeled "Eligibility Quiz (Click Here)" and click the link: how this looks on the site can be seen on the slide on the top left. Once clicked, you will be asked to sign in: if you do not have an account for the school or parish established, create an account to continue. This account is only used to save the grant applications and to send copies of the submitted application after it is completed: a sample of the login screen can be seen on the bottom left of the slide.

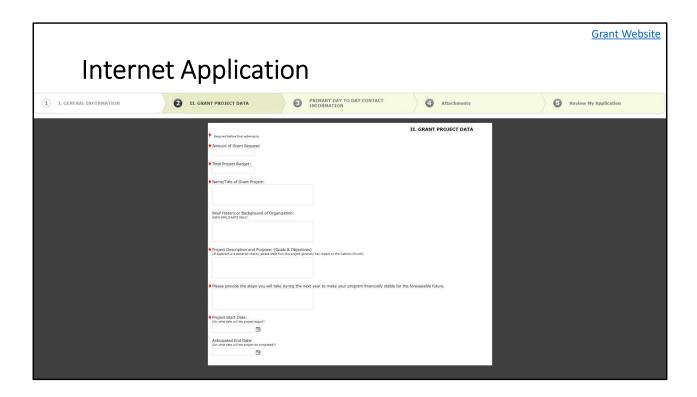
After logging in, there is a quiz with drop down menus corresponding to the 6 questions presented. If all criteria are met, the website will take you to application! A screen grab of the Eligibility Quiz can be seen on the right side of the slide.



Now that the Eligibility Quiz has been completed, you should now be in the application! At the top of the application screen, you should see a ribbon containing 5 sections: General Information, Grant Project Data, Primary Day to Day Information, Attachments, and Review My Application. For this slide, we will look at the Sections 1 and 3.

Section 1 General Information will contain the names of your organization (parish or school name for example) along with primary information, including address, telephone number and tax ID. In this section, the Request Date can be the day that the application will be submitted. At the bottom of the application page click the "Next" button to proceed to the next section.

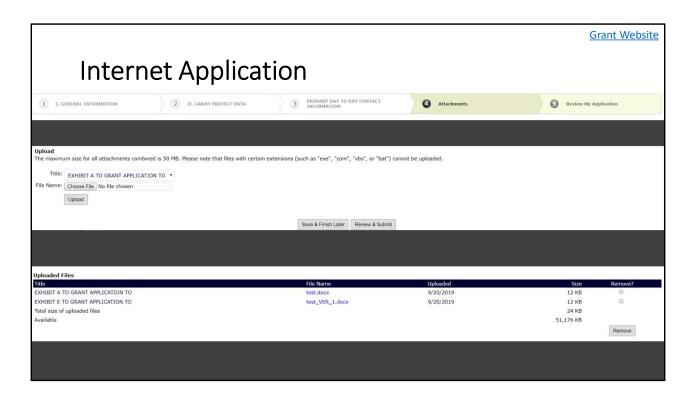
Section 3 Primary Day to Day Contact Information will contain the name and contact information for the person who will be in charge of the grant: for Diocesan grants, this will be the priest in charge of the parish, principal of the school, or head of the department. At the bottom of the application page click the "Next" button to proceed to the next section.



We will now look at Section 2 Grant Project Data: this will be the section containing the core information of the project that the application is for! The requested amounts, project budget and details of the grant will be entered here. The information that is to be in each section is in the title, but here are a few tips for this portion of the application:

- The Amount of Grant Request should not exceed the total budget of the project.
- Name/Title of Grant Project does not have to be in depth. Some example titles can be those found on the Determining a Project to Apply For slide.
 (an example would be "Support Replacement of Plumbing in Church Building")
- Project Description and Purpose will be the section in which a thorough, detailed description of the project undertaking will be placed to let the Kenedy Foundation know exactly what funding the project will accomplish.

Once all required sections have been filled in, you may proceed to Section 4 Attachments.

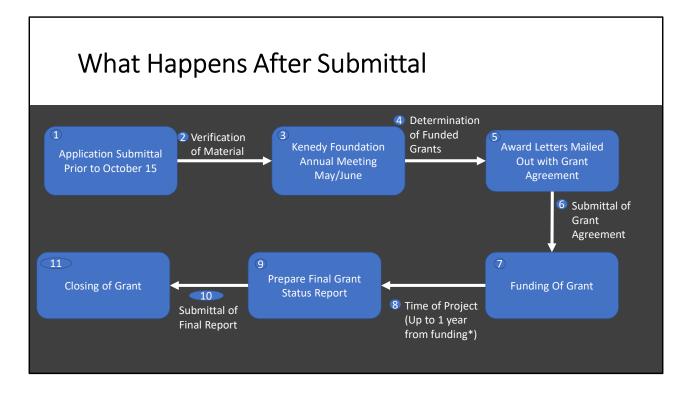


We will now look at the last section: Section 4 Attachments. This will be the section where all of the documents from the Gather Required Information section will be placed. The step for uploading are as follow:

- Click the dropdown menu next to "Title" and select which exhibit you would like to place the document under.
- Click the "Choose File" button next to "File Name"; this will prompt you to locate the document you wish to place.
- Once file for the exhibit has been located, click the upload button. Please note that multiple documents can be uploaded per exhibit if required.

As files are uploaded to the exhibit, they will appear at the top of the application page: an example of this can be seen on the bottom of the slide. Once all documents have been uploaded, click the "Review & Submit" button. This will take you to the final section: Section 5 "Review My Application." The final section only requires you to look over all information that has been provided to ensure that it has been entered correctly. Once all information is confirmed, click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page, and you will be done with the application. It has now been submitted to the Kenedy Memorial Foundation!

You will then receive an email with a copy of the submitted application. Please forward a copy of this email to me (at tmejia@diocesecc.org) so that I may retain the document in my office.



Now that the application process has been discussed, I wanted to provide some clarity as to what happens during the life cycle of the grant process. This slide will provide some information as to the entire process: the portions of this process will be discussed in detail in other presentations.

- 1. The grant application is submitted to the Kenedy Memorial Foundation (the end goal of this presentation!)
- 2. The Kenedy Foundation will verify the application and documents and ensure that all necessary items are present.
- 3. The Kenedy Foundation Board will meet to look at all applicants in May or June of the grant year.
- 4. The grants that will be funded are determined.
- 5. Award Letters are sent to those grants that are funded along with a Grant Agreement.
- 6. Executed Grant Agreements are submitted back to the Foundation.
- 7. A grant is funded, meaning that the funding is sent out and the project may begin.
- 8. The grant's life cycle begins the day funding occurs and has exactly one year from that date to reach completion*.
- 9. A Final Grant Status Report is to be completed by the end of the grant's cycle showing the details of grant spending and results that were reached.
- 10. Submission of an Executed Final Grant Status Report to the Foundation for review.

11. Once accepted, The grant is now considered closed.

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I hope this presentation has been helpful in guiding you through applying for grants online with the Kenedy Memorial Foundation. If there are any further questions or you require assistance with any portion of the grant process, please feel free to contact me via email or telephone and I will be glad to assist. Thank you and have a wonderful day.