



Frequently Asked Questions

These questions were compiled during the September 17, 2025 Grant Information Session. The document will be updated after the next Grant Information Session on October 1, 2025.

Does applying for RIIF funds disqualify you from applying for other local area rural impact funds?

No, applying for Rural Impact Investment Fund funding does not disqualify you from seeking other local rural impact funds available through other organizations and/or community foundations.

What is the benefit of submitting a video versus a written statement to describe your project, and are both required?

In an effort to disrupt traditional philanthropy, we have worked to streamline the RIIF application. As such, you are invited to tell us about your project in written format OR by submitting a video (5 minutes or less). You will select your option and the grants management system will allow you to respond accordingly.

What is the size limit for uploading the 5-minute video?

You will not upload the video to the RIIF application. Instead, you are asked to upload your video to your preferred platform (YouTube, Google, SharePoint, etc.) then add a link to your video on the RIIF application.

Is rural defined broadly so that all communities in Williamson County can apply for this funding opportunity?

If you are a nonprofit in good standing or a grassroots leader or organization that meets the eligibility criteria and resides in and serves Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, and/or Williamson Counties, you are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.



What if you are a small grassroots organization and you do not have an annual operating budget?

As a part of our due diligence, the RIIF application will require certain documentation from applicants. If you do not have one or more of the documents, do not automatically determine you are ineligible for this opportunity. Instead, contact us to discuss your circumstances with us and to determine what alternative documentation can be submitted.

To meet the eligibility criteria, do you have to work with people experiencing economic hardship and are underrepresented OR can it be one or the other?

To meet the RIIF eligibility criteria your organization must be working to improve the health and well-being of individuals and families navigating economic hardship and/or marginalized and historically underrepresented communities and groups in Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, and Williamson Counties. Marginalized and historically underrepresented communities and groups and individuals are encouraged to apply.

If you have additional questions, visit www.ctxcf.org/riif. You can also contact us:

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