



The APSCF Worker and Community Grant Program

About

The American Public Servants Charitable Foundation (APSCF) offers grants periodically to APSA members for various professional development purposes through the APSCF Worker and Community Grant Program. This document provides details about the Worker and Community Grant Program, eligibility for this grant program, and other relevant information.

Eligibility

Any individual who is an APSA Red Member at the time of application submission and funding decision is eligible to apply for and receive a grant through the APSCF Worker and Community Grant Program. APSA members can check their membership status or upgrade their membership to the Red tier by logging in to their APSA member portal.

If you have questions about your eligibility for the APSCF Worker and Community Grant Program please reach out to membership@americanpublicservants.org.

Purpose

The APSCF Worker and Community Grant Program provides funding to individuals and groups for various professional development activities.

Individuals may apply for funding for the following purposes:

- Professional development activities, classes, or trainings to keep current job or maintain current accreditation / licensure;
- Professional development activities, classes, or trainings to acquire new skills, accreditations, or licensures to be eligible for a raise, promotion, or other career advancement;
- Workforce retraining programs or classes to learn new skills to acquire a new job or retain a job;
- Reimbursement for a mandatory one-time or periodic professional licensing fee;
- Reimbursement for legal fees incurred through APSA's legal services provider, LegalShield, for employment-related legal services that are not fully covered by the APSA LegalShield plan.

Groups or communities may apply for funding for the following purposes:

- Professional development activities, classes, or trainings to keep current job or maintain current accreditation / licensure;
- Professional development activities, classes, or trainings to acquire new skills, accreditations, or licensures to be eligible for a raise, promotion, or other career advancement;
- Workforce retraining programs or classes to learn new skills to acquire a new job or retain a job;
- Project to improve your workplace or other professional community;



About the Application

If you are interested in applying for funding through the APSCF Worker and Community Grant Program, you must submit an application through the form on the APSCF website at www.apsafoundation.org. Applications will not be accepted in any other way.

The application will ask you to provide your contact information, and provide information about what you are requesting funding for. At this time applicants are unable to save the application and return later. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Applications for funding will only be evaluated based on information provided via the application form. If further information is needed, you may be contacted via your APSA member portal to provide additional information.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications to the APSCF Worker and Community Grant Program will be evaluated on a rolling basis, until funding runs out, and awarded as the APSCF Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, shall decide. During the evaluation, you may be contacted through your APSA member portal to provide additional information. Additional requests for information do not imply an affirmative funding decision.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Does the funding proposal fit within a listed funding category?
- Does the applicant fully describe how the funding will help them professionally, or their professional community?
- Is the request amount appropriate for the described outcome?
- Does the funding request support the individual's or community's membership?

At this time, APSCF is unable to provide feedback on the quality or merits of applications.

About Funding Notifications

All funding notifications will be issued via an individual's APSA member portal.

Individuals or groups who are awarded funding will be required to provide a W9, contact information for payment, and will be required to sign a short grant agreement (indicating how the funding is to be spent).

Reporting

Three months after a grant is made, APSCF will follow-up with grantees about the success of their activities. While it is not required, case studies or testimonials from grantees will be greatly appreciated by APSCF.



Other

In 2023, APSCF will run two grant cycles for the Worker and Community Grant Program: applications will be open January – March and August – September.

Questions can be directed to info@americanpublicservants.org