

# Discretionary Grants: Leclair Elder Services 2025 Guidelines

The Foundation will award multiple grants of up to \$10,000 each to organizations that support services to seniors (55 years+) in our service area.

Grant decisions and amounts will be determined based on a variety of factors, including:

- Organization size understanding the impact of a grant of this size on your organization
- Location(s) of impact demonstrating commitment to Greater Lowell and role in the region's social services ecosystem, including strong & established local collaborations and partnerships
- Organization impact and reach including population served, # of households served, type(s) of programming offered, etc.
- Organization's leadership and financial health

#### **GRANT PROCESS**

The 2025 grant cycle is an online process and will operate based on the following timeline:

- Tuesday, March 18, 12:00 PM Applications open online
- Friday, April 11, 12:00 PM Applications due
- Mid-May Applicants notified of decisions via email

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Foundation will consider applications from organizations that:

- Have 501(c)(3) tax status as a registered nonprofit organization **OR** have an eligible fiscal sponsor, or Congregation, Government, or Education Organizations
- Are based in and/or serve one or more of the following Greater Lowell cities/towns:
   Acton, Ashby, Ayer, Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord,
   Dracut, Dunstable, Groton, Littleton, Lowell, Pepperell, Shirley, Tewksbury, Townsend,
   Tyngsborough, Westford and Wilmington
- Do not limit service based on an individual's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, or disability.

Please note: Agencies with multiple service sites should submit only one application for all sites.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

1. Beginning March 18th applicants will have access to the application form online.

- 2. If your organization is new to GLCF, please create an account at HERE (multiple short video tutorials are available on the righthand side of the login page.
- 3. If your organization has applied to GLCF in the past, please log into your existing account HERE
- 4. Once you are logged into your account, click on the Apply icon from the top menu bar.
- 5. Select 2025 Discretionary Grants Cycle

## **DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRIDAY APRIL 11th at 12:00 PM**

If you have questions regarding the eligibility or suitability of your application, please send a detailed email to <a href="mailto:maria@glcfoundation.org">maria@glcfoundation.org</a> as early as possible. We may provide additional guidance via email or schedule a brief call to discuss.