

**Safety Nets for Students and Families**  
**Capacity Grants Frequently Asked Questions**  
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**What is the maximum request amount per organization?**

A: We are offering grants of up to \$50,000. Applicants are expected to submit requests based on a realistic estimate of the costs involved in the proposed project or program. These funds come directly from Hurricane Harvey donors, so we are expected to use them wisely.

**Can you tell me if my organization meets the eligibility criteria?**

A: Applicants can take a short Eligibility Quiz available on the Safety Nets for Students and Families web page [www.tnoys.org/safety-nets-for-students/](http://www.tnoys.org/safety-nets-for-students/) to determine edibility. Grant criteria is also explained on that page. Participants are expected to meet all eligibility criteria.

**Our organization has multiple ideas for grant-funded projects. Can we submit multiple applications?**

A: Applicants may only submit one application per organization. However, you may contact us to discuss your ideas after taking the Eligibility Quiz.

**What are the steps and timeline of the application process?**

A: After reviewing the Eligibility Quiz and grant criteria information on our website, you are welcome to submit a Preliminary Proposal. We will review those on a rolling basis and, if you are approved to complete a Full Proposal, we will send you instructions. We will review proposals on a rolling basis and disburse all funding by February 2019. However, we will be awarding grants as soon as November 2018, so please do not wait to apply.

**Not all of the youth and families we serve are currently homeless/displaced as a result of Hurricane Harvey, can we still apply?**

A: Yes, you may apply. However, ALL grant funding must go toward supporting children, youth, and/or families that you believe in good faith were affected, displaced or made homeless as a result of Hurricane Harvey. This can include indirect impacts of the storm (e.g., a family member recently lost a job after an employer did not return or their trauma/stress interfered with their ability to work, making the family homeless). If some families are not currently homeless, but were at one time due to the hurricane and are still experiencing challenges, that fits our criteria as well.

**How can we document that a child or family was made homeless/displaced by Hurricane Harvey?**

A: We will accept a variety of data sources for grant reports, including information based on intake forms, school McKinney-Vento determinations, service notes, and more. You will be expected to track data on the individuals you serve and connect it back to the effects of Hurricane Harvey.

**If I am a current member or partner of Texas Network of Youth Services, Texas Homeless Network, of Texas Homeless Education Office, can I still apply?**

A: Yes. We welcome applications from current members and partners as well as from organizations we have not previously worked with.

**If we propose a project for \$50,000, is there a chance that you will negotiate a lower award for that project?**

A: Yes, award amounts may be lower than the amount requested. Applicants invited to submit full proposals will be scored against the established scoring criteria, and final awards will be determined by a review panel comprised of representatives from all project partners as well as Rebuild Texas Fund staff. An invitation to submit a full proposal does not guarantee that your organization will receive an award.

**We completed the HEART eligibility quiz, when can we apply for the grant?**

A: This funding opportunity is a two-step application process consisting of a preliminary proposal and a full proposal round. Applicants should determine if they are eligible, submit a preliminary proposal and then will receive a formal invitation to submit a full proposal if the preliminary proposal is approved. Applicants may not submit a full proposal unless they are invited.

**Does the Safety Nets for Students and Families program provide grant funding directly to individuals?**

A: Unfortunately, we do not provide grant funding to individuals. Community-based organizations can receive grants.

**Our organization has applied or is interested in applying to the Rebuild Texas Fund, does this mean we can't also apply to the Safety Nets for Students and Families program?**

A: A representative from the Rebuild Texas Fund will participate in the two-step application review process. If there are any conflicts of interest, we will notify you.

**Can we use Safety Nets for Students and Families funds if we already have received or applied for other grants for similar work?**

A: Yes, you may combine funding sources to fully fund a program or project. This funding, however, cannot supplant other funding you have received or expect to receive.

**If I have trouble submitting the proposal, who can I contact?**

A: Send an email to Lara O'Toole [LOToole@tnoys.org](mailto:LOToole@tnoys.org). Please do not contact us to discuss your application or ideas until after carefully reviewing the grant criteria and taking the Eligibility Quiz.

**Safety Nets for Students and Families Program Partners:**



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