

COMMUNITY MULTIPLIER – MEMBER MATCH PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



■ Application Process

What must a FHLBank Indianapolis member do to participate in Community Multiplier in 2026?

- Read the Community Multiplier Program Guidelines found [on our website](#)¹.
- Execute and submit the Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) to housing@fhlbi.com before end of day August 4, 2026.
 - .GIVES user credentials will be provided.
- Determine how you will select the nonprofits you are going to submit.
- Determine the amount of match you will provide to each nonprofit. You must match each grant by at least 25%.
- Provide the Application Intake Form to the nonprofit and gather qualifying documents.
- Insert and complete application for each nonprofit in .GIVES and submit before end of day September 1, 2026.

Where can FHLBank Indianapolis members find the application?

- The application is only available in .GIVES.
- The Application Intake Form will have all the information you need to collect from the nonprofit to complete an application. The Application Intake Form is found [on our website](#)².

Will there be a participating members list published on the website?

- **No.** Because members will select the awardees, it is not necessary to list member names on the website. This also protects the member from receiving unsolicited applications from random nonprofits.

¹ <https://www.fhlbi.com/community-multiplier>

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How many applications can a member submit?

- Each member is allowed to apply for no more than **\$60,000** and no more than **four nonprofits**. Each nonprofit must receive either \$15,000, \$30,000, \$45,000 or \$60,000 per member. Do not apply for amounts less than the full amount. All applications must be entered in .GIVES, which will be available on August 5. Applications must be entered by EOD September 1, 2026.

How many applications can a nonprofit submit?

- Each nonprofit is allowed to receive up to \$120,000 in Community Multiplier funding from the Bank. However, they can only receive a maximum of \$60,000 from one single member. Each nonprofit must receive either \$15,000, \$30,000, \$45,000 or \$60,000 per member. The nonprofit can submit applications to multiple members to total \$120,000 in funding from the Bank, as long as all criteria are met.

How many program eligibility requirements must the nonprofit meet?

- The nonprofit must meet all eligibility requirements:
 - 501c3;
 - Based in either Michigan or Indiana

What documents should a member collect to verify eligibility?

- **501c3:** Verify with IRS Determination Letter.
- **Located in Michigan or Indiana:** Verify with IRS Determination Letter or Charitable Registration at the state's Secretary of State.

How should a member submit documents that are used to verify the nonprofit meets the eligibility requirements?

- Documents collected to verify eligibility are not to be submitted with the application. The member financial institution should keep the documents for their records.

How many Community Multiplier Priorities must the nonprofit meet?

- The nonprofit must meet at least one of the program priorities. If they do not, the member should choose another nonprofit to submit for the grant.

How should a member verify the nonprofit qualifies under the priority chosen?

- Based on the information the nonprofit provides with the Application Intake Form. The nonprofit must provide a Priority Area, impact reporting metric estimates for the respective Priority Area, a narrative of the initiative and a narrative of how the funds will be used.
- Based on the Priority Areas and Eligible Uses defined in the Program Guide.*

**These are not exclusive means to determine qualification of a priority.*

What if the initiative's cost is more than the grant amount?

- The member and nonprofit should verify that sufficient resources are in place to complete the initiative if the total costs exceeds the grant amount.

Can the member's required match for the Community Multiplier grant also be considered the financial contribution for AHP (for points)?

- **No.** The member's matching funds for Community Multiplier must be separate from other grant support.

Awarding of Funds

How are funds distributed to the member and then to the nonprofit?

- After receiving the executed Community Multiplier Subsidy Agreement, which is provided to the member after the award date (September 22nd), FHLBank Indianapolis will deposit the funds into the member's CMS account held at the Bank. The member will pass the funds to the nonprofit using the approved method the member has chosen. The member must pass the grant and their matching contribution to the nonprofit within 30 days of receipt of funding from the Bank.

What is the timeframe in which grant funds may be used and what is submitted to prove they were used?

- The nonprofit may expense the grant funds at any time.
- No later than July 31, 2027, the member must upload the Community Multiplier Impact Report in the .GIVES system describing progress, outcomes, and detailing uses of the grant award.

How do members and recipients certify and demonstrate that grant funds were used for eligible expenses?

- Award recipients must retain and provide documentation to members as requested. They must also provide a description of the grant's impact and uses and certify its accuracy via required reporting. Members are responsible for reviewing documentation per internal policies and will certify via the required reporting that awarded funds were used by the recipient in an eligible way.

Are nonprofits that received a Community Multiplier grant in 2025 eligible to receive funding this year?

- **Yes.** There is currently no restriction on applying annually.

Is a nonprofit eligible if they received other grant funding from FHLBank Indianapolis (such as AHP)?

- **Yes.** Nonprofits who received other program funding from FHLBank Indianapolis are not precluded from receiving funding from the Community Multiplier Program.

Can a nonprofit use Community Multiplier funding for an AHP project (such as funding a Supportive Services Reserve or in the capital stack for an emerging developer)?

- **Yes.** The Community Multiplier funding will be awarded to the nonprofit for the initiative they set forth in the application. Once they receive the funding, it is the responsibility of the nonprofit to use the funding as they indicated in the application.

■ Post Award Process

What are the best ways to hold funds on behalf of the recipient between the time when funds have been received at the member and disbursed to the grant recipient?

- FHLBank Indianapolis cannot advise on best practices for disbursing funds. Members should establish their own procedures for ensuring funds are disbursed properly.

What is required for impact reporting?

- Recipients are required to submit impact reports that include, at a minimum, a written narrative describing progress, outcomes and uses of the grant award. Reporting forms will be provided and are required to be returned via .GIVES between July 1 – July 31, 2027.
- Noncompliance in submitting an impact report may affect your eligibility for future Community Multiplier funding.

How can the member and nonprofit share success stories?

- For assistance with announcing outcomes, contact the Bank's communications team at: CorpComm@fhlbi.com.
- Please feel free to tag FHLBank Indianapolis on any social media channels when posting award announcements.
- You may also use the "[Share Your Stories](#)"³ page on www.fhlbi.com, or share it with the business recipient, to submit success stories.

³ <https://www.fhlbi.com/resources/sharing-your-stories>