



**Appendix 4:**  
**Boosting Opportunities for Social and Economic Mobility for Families (BOOST)**  
**(Education and Human Services Programs)**  
**Funding Opportunity**

**Fluxx Guide and Preview**  
Letter of Inquiry: Phase 1

This Fluxx Guide is intended to give applicants to the BOOST funding opportunity guidance to using the online portal, known as Fluxx, and provide a preview of the letter of inquiry (phase 1) application.

Applicants should register in Fluxx and explore the application as soon as possible. A thorough review of the online application and understanding of the information, questions, and attachments required may prevent any last-minute questions or concerns.

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## Login

Access The Kresge Foundation's online portal through <http://kresge.fluxx.io>. Please use Google Chrome as your web browser. If you do not have a login, you may start the registration process by clicking on the "Create an account now" button to register.

Please note that it can take 5 – 7 days for a registration to be approved.

# THE KRESGE FOUNDATION

## Welcome to the Kresge Foundation Portal

Login Now:

[Reset or create password](#)

The Kresge Foundation invests in improving the bedrock economic, social, cultural and environmental conditions of urban life, with an emphasis on reducing disparities facing low-income people; advancing their pathways of opportunity; and promoting cultural vibrancy, systems of mutual support and environmental sustainability in the communities in which they live. To learn more about The Kresge Foundation, visit our website at [www.kresge.org](http://www.kresge.org).

**If you do not have a login**, you may start the registration process by clicking on the "**Create an account now**" button to register. You will receive an email from us confirming your registration within 5-7 business days. Please note, our response may be delayed during peak periods.

**If you already have a login**, please sign in now by filling in a username and a password on the left.

Read about our [Funding Opportunities](#) here.

Questions? Please contact Program Operations and Information Management by [email](#) or at 248-643-9630.

**Please note that Fluxx is optimized for google chrome. For ease of use, install google chrome on your device.**



## Find the Application

Once logged in, you will find yourself at The Kresge Foundation Portal homepage. On the top left column, under the “Information” section, please click on “Grant Opportunities.”



You will be directed to the Grant Opportunities page. At the bottom of the page, click on “Start a new grant RFP.”

The following RFPs (requests for proposals) are open to receive applications.

- *BOOST (Education and Human Services Programs)*

[Start a new grant RFP](#)

## Begin the Application

Once logged in to the online portal, begin the application by clicking on the blue text 'Edit' button at the top of the page.

Edit

### Don't forget!

Click 'Submit' once you have saved your work and are ready to submit your information to the The Kresge Foundation.

Select 'BOOST (Education and Human Services Programs)' in the dropdown menu associated with "Please select the program that you are applying for."

Kresge Applicant Organization  
Troy, MI

Grant Period: -

R-1906-284303 | *BOOST (Education and Human Services Programs)*

\*Please select the program that you are applying for

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Determine if changes need to be made to the organization information.

To change organization information, please click on 'Organizations' then select the correct organization. Click the blue 'Edit' button and make the desired changes. 'Save' once the changes have been made.

The screenshot shows the 'THE KRESGE FOUNDATION' portal. On the left is a navigation menu with 'INFORMATION' (Portal Instructions, Grant Opportunities, PFI Opportunities) and 'ORGANIZATIONS' (Organizations). The 'Organizations' link is highlighted with a red arrow. The main content area shows a search bar, a list of organizations (Kresge Applicant Organization), and a detailed view of the selected organization. The detailed view includes a header with the organization name and a blue 'Edit' button, which is also highlighted with a red arrow. Below the header is a 'Contact Information' section with fields for Legal Name, Sort As, and Address 1, all containing the organization's name and address.

THE KRESGE FOUNDATION

Search...

Kresge Applicant Organization  
Troy MI, United States  
(123) 456-7890 |  
http://www.kresge.org

Kresge Applicant Organization

If there are changes to your organization record, click [Edit], make appropriate organizational updates, click [Save], and click [Update]. You must click [Update] for changes to become effective.

Kresge Applicant Organization

Contact Information

Legal Name: Kresge Applicant Organization

Sort As: Kresge Applicant Organization

Address 1: 123 Street

Edit

## **Application Preview**

The first phase of the BOOST application is the letter of inquiry. The letter of inquiry application consists of five sections:

- Organization Information
- Grant Request Information
- Narrative Questions
- Demographic Data
- Attachments

Please begin entering all requested information as prompted. Each section of the application must be fully completed, no blanks or unselected dropdowns.

## **Section 1: Organization Information**

Determine if any changes or additions need to be made to the organization contacts.

To ‘Add/Change’ a Grant Contact, CEO, or Finance Contact, click the box next to the respective position you would like to change the information for under ‘Organization Information’ and then add in the requested information. This information will appear after the application has been submitted. It is not required to have all contacts updated to submit the application.

*Please select the correct Grant Contact (the primary contact for this request) and Chief Executive Officer from the dropdown menus below. **Please note that registration is limited to only the Grant Contact at the LOI step (this is the individual who will complete and submit the LOI on behalf of the organization).***

Organization	<input type="text" value="Kresge Applicant Organization"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Kresge Applicant Organization - head"/>
Grant Contact	<input type="text" value="Grantee Kresge"/>
Chief Executive Officer	<input type="text" value="Sebastian Kresge"/>

### ▼ Organization Information

- ☐ Add/Change Grant Contact
- ☐ Add/Change CEO
- ☐ Add/Change Finance Contact

If you need to update your organization's information, please save your request first and then click on the Organization tab within the menu on the left.

Current Organization Information on File	
Organization Name	Kresge Applicant Organization
AKA	Kresge Applicant Organization
Street Address	123 Street
City	Troy
State	MI
Postal Code	48083
Phone	(123) 456-7890
Fax	(123) 456-7890
Website	http://www.kresge.org
Mission Statement and Background	Test background information.
Year Organization Established	11/4/2014

Does this grant include a Fiscal Sponsor?	<input type="text" value="No"/>
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## Section 2: Grant Request Information

Fill out the “Grant Request Information” Enter the project title, the beginning date as 12/01/2019, the duration of the grant as 36 months, the total budget requested from Kresge as no more than \$450,000, and the type of support as ‘Project Support.’

### ▼ Grant Request Information

▲ Please complete all required fields

\*Project Title

Please omit the word "project" when completing the Project Title field.

\*Beginning date of requested grant period (must be first of the month)

12/01/2019

\*Duration for the grant request in number of months

36

\*TOTAL budget for the requested grant in U.S. dollars

\*Grant amount requested ONLY from The Kresge Foundation in U.S. dollars

\$0.00

\*Organizational Operating Budget for current fiscal year in U.S. Dollars

\*Fiscal Year End Date

Select by clicking on the + sign below:

\*Organization Type

Select no more than 5 choices by clicking on the + sign below:

\*Focus of Grant

\*Please select the type of support you are requesting:

\*Grant Purpose  
Provide a brief explanation

Conference/Convening  
General Operating Support  
Project Support

t. Please limit the grant purpose to one sentence.

▼

Yes

No

Not Applicable

Yes

No

No

Not Applicable



### Section 3: Narrative Questions

Fill out the “Narrative Questions.” Please note that some questions will vary depending on whether the community college or human services nonprofit services as the “lead applicant” in Fluxx. This information is noted text boxes. This section is a series of questions, which constitute the majority of the proposal. A word file of the questions, including the character limits is available on the Kresge website.

⚠ Please answer all narrative questions below  
Letter of Inquiry (phase 1)

1. Please check the organization types partnering to submit this request. The partnership must include at least one community college (or community college district) and at least one human services nonprofit.

- ☐ primary community college (or community college district)
- ☐ primary human services nonprofit
- ☐ evaluation and learning organization
- ☐ other entities contributing in a material way (e.g., additional college or human services partners, employers, chamber of commerce, economic development organization)


For question 2, select the type of organization performing the lead applicant role. This is the organization that will hold the grant with the Kresge Foundation and receive grant funds.

If ‘community college’ is selected as the lead applicant, the human services nonprofit will need to answer the question pictured below (2), as well as 7a.

2. Which community college or human services nonprofit is the lead applicant (e.g., Fluxx registrant)?

- ☒ community college
- ☐ human services nonprofit

Please provide an overview of the lead human services nonprofit (e.g., mission, service array, number and population of people served). The human service nonprofit should answer the subsequent questions under “Primary Human Service Partner.”



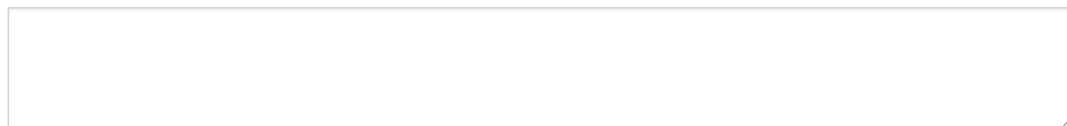
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If ‘human services nonprofit’ is selected as the lead applicant, the human services nonprofit will need to answer the question pictured below (2), as well as 5a.

2. Which community college or human services nonprofit is the lead applicant (e.g., Fluxx registrant)?

- ☐ community college
- ☒ human services nonprofit

Please provide an overview of the primary community college partner (e.g., mission, number and population of students served). This college should answer the subsequent questions under “Primary College Partner.”



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Questions 3 and 4 remain the same for all applicants regardless of lead applicant.

3. Please name the Metropolitan Statistical Area(s) (MSA) with a population over 50,000 where your organizations are based and where the work will occur.

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#### Primary College Partner

*The following questions are intended to be answered by the primary community college partner.*

4. Is the community college partner an [Achieving the Dream college](#)?









- ☐ Yes, an active member  
☐ Yes, a past member  
☐ No, not a member. (Only current or past ATD members are eligible for this funding opportunity.)

5. What are your institution's three-year graduation and transfer rates? Please disaggregate these data for low-income students (e.g., Pell grant recipients), students of color and, to the extent possible, students with children under 18 years old.

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Question 5 must be answered by all applicants. Question 5a. will only appear and need to be filled out if the 'human services nonprofit' is selected as the lead applicant in question 2.

5a. What are your institution's student demographics? (As the lead applicant, the human services nonprofit will complete demographic data on its clients in the subsequent section, "Population Served.")

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Question 6 and 6a will remain the same for all applicants regardless of lead applicant.

6. What goals does your institution have to achieve better and more equitable student success and labor market outcomes? Describe at a high-level your institution's strategy for increasing certificate and degree completion, transfer rates, and labor market success of all graduates and for specific populations identified in the prior question.

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6a. If your institution has a public statement about its student success goals and/or equity commitment, please include a hyperlink.

Question 7 must be answered by all applicants. Question 7a. will only appear and need to be filled out if 'community college' is selected as the lead applicant in question 2.

#### Primary Human Services Partner

*The following questions are intended to be answered by the human services nonprofit.*

7. Describe your human services nonprofit's approach for advancing and accelerating social and economic mobility for families with low incomes and people of color. Please share quantitative evidence of family outcomes.

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7a. Please provide a demographic profile of clients served. (As the lead applicant, the community college will complete the demographic data on its students in the subsequent section, "Population Served.")

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The remaining questions are the same for all applicants regardless of lead applicant.

8. Describe how your human services nonprofit adheres to and is implementing a two-generation, whole-family approach that focuses equally and intentionally on services and opportunities for the child and the adults in their lives, including the importance of fathers. Please review the framework by [Ascend at the Aspen Institute](#).

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9. Is the human services nonprofit a current or previous grantee of [Kresge NextGen Initiative](#)? (The Human Services nonprofit is not required to be a NextGen grantee to be eligible.)

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

10. How does the human services nonprofit demonstrate the following attributes aligned with [Kresge's NextGen initiative](#)? Please briefly describe how your organization would define each attribute, an example of the work and an illustrative qualitative and quantitative data element to show the ways in which your organization demonstrates these attributes

10a. Is person-centered.

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10b. Is data-driven.

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10c. Is outcomes-based.

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10d. Applies a racial equity lens.

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10e. Focuses on greater sector impact & systems change.

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### Joint Questions

*The following questions should be answered by both the primary community college and nonprofit partner.*

11. What is your current understanding of the barriers to obtaining a postsecondary credential/degree and upward mobility for families from low-income communities or communities of color in your city? Include the data and evidence used to support your conclusions.

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12. Given the demographics of the city in which the partnership operates, how does this partnership address racial equity? Please download and attach your MSAs demographics from the U.S. Census and include as an attachment. The website is currently being updated. Please check the FAQs after July 1 for further instructions.

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13. Please describe your human services/community college partnership (e.g., motivation, purpose, length of time, decision-making processes). What have been your successes? What challenges have you faced, and how have you mitigated or overcome them?

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14. To what extent and in what ways have you identified [lifetime and springboard jobs](#) in your community? If you have, what are these jobs, and what are the educational pathways leading to them? How are you using traditional and more innovative labor market information to guide your support for students/clients?

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15. Briefly describe your proposed project, including goals, major activities, and desired outcomes for your systems, organizations, and ultimate beneficiaries. What organizational/institutional or systems reforms do you propose to address through your partnerships to support upward mobility of families?

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16. What technical assistance will your partnership need to advance its work?

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## Section 4: Demographic Data

The Demographic Data provided should be reflective of the lead applicant.

### ▼ Demographic Data

In keeping with our value of promoting racial, ethnic, and gender diversity, The Kresge Foundation is committed to gathering demographic data concerning grantseekers and the populations they serve. We ask that you provide the information requested on this form to the best of your ability. Definitions are provided below. We welcome your feedback on the usability of this section. If you would like to offer comments, please email [programoperations@kresge.org](mailto:programoperations@kresge.org) with your thoughts.

Note: The federal Office of Management and Budget employs the following definitions of ethnic and racial categories.

#### **Ethnic Categories**

**Hispanic or Latino:** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

#### **Racial Categories**

**American Indian or Alaska Native:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Asian:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**Black or African American:** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**White:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

▼ Governing Board	
Number of board members (actual count)	<input type="text"/>
Gender	
Female (%)	<input type="text"/>
Male (%)	<input type="text"/>
Total must equal 100%	0%
Ethnicity	
Hispanic or Latino (%)	<input type="text"/>
Not Hispanic or Latino (%)	<input type="text"/>
Total must equal 100%	0%
Race	
American Indian or Alaska Native (%)	<input type="text"/>

American Indian or Alaska Native (%)	<input type="text"/>
Asian (%)	<input type="text"/>
Black or African American (%)	<input type="text"/>
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (%)	<input type="text"/>
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Staff Members (full and part-time paid employees)

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		Race
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Asian (%)	<input type="text"/>	
Black or African American (%)	<input type="text"/>	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (%)	<input type="text"/>	
White (%)	<input type="text"/>	
More than one race (%)	<input type="text"/>	



Total must equal more 100%

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#### Population Served (if applicable)

Number of population  
served (unduplicated)

#### Gender

Female (%)

Male (%)

Total must equal 100%

0%

#### Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino  
(%)

Not Hispanic or  
Latino (%)

Total must equal 100%

0%

#### Race

Asian (%)

American Indian or  
Alaska Native (%)

Black or African  
American (%)

Native Hawaiian or  
Pacific Islander (%)

White (%)


More than one race  
(%)

Total must equal 100%

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If explanation is necessary, please use the space provided:







## Section 5: Attachments

Attach ALL required attachments. To upload each required document, please click on the corresponding  icon. All required attachments as noted by an \* must be uploaded or the application will not successfully submit through Fluxx.

▼ Attachments

Please note, PDFs are the preferred attachment format for information submitted to The Kresge Foundation. The largest size of a single file is 5GB. There is no limitation to the total size of files uploaded to an individual record. Files with certain extensions (such as ".exe", ".com", ".vbs", or ".bat") cannot be uploaded. For a complete list of allowed file types, please click the following link: [Allowed File Types](#)

- **\*ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES** - Please download the 2013 - 2017 Excel or pdf file from the U.S. Census by visiting <https://factfinder.census.gov> (if available) of the selected city's 5-year American Community Survey demographic data estimates.
- **\*Budget Narrative** - Provide preliminary justification for budget items and how monetary amounts were determined. If matching grants are provided, please detail that here, including the name(s) of the donor(s).
- **\*Letters of support or MOU (preferred)** - Submit letters of support or memoranda of understanding that demonstrate meaningful engagement of the core partners. These documents will ideally specify the role and contribution of each partner. Letters of support are required from the primary college partner AND the primary human services nonprofit. If you have multiple other letters of support or MOUs, we ask you to combine them into one PDF.
- **\*Preliminary Project Budget** - Please use the budget template included with this release. Please include the full project budget, inclusive of the Kresge request, other funders, and any in-kind support from the partners. Please note the line items can be changed as needed.
- **Other** - One supplemental document to help inform our review is optional.

ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES	
Budget narrative	
Letter of support	
Letter of support	
Preliminary Project Budget	
Other	

Application Documents

Cancel

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If uploading an 'Other' document, one must enter text into the custom text box to the right of the uploaded document in order to ensure that the document is uploaded successfully.

Upload files

Select or drag files then start upload

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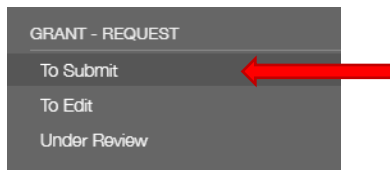
## Submitting the Application

Once everything has been uploaded and you have checked the entire application to ensure nothing has been left blank, click “Save” one final time. **To submit your application, you must click “Submit.”**

Submit

If you are saving the application but not submitting it right away, it will be stored in Fluxx under ‘Grant Request-To Submit;’ it will NOT be found under ‘Grant Request-To Edit.’

If you are saving the application but not submitting it right away, it will be stored in Fluxx under ‘Grant Request-To Submit;’ it will NOT be found under ‘Grant Request-To Edit.’



*For any questions regarding Fluxx, please contact Annelise Huber at [adphuber@kresge.org](mailto:adphuber@kresge.org) or (248) 643-9630.*