

Revised program strategy FAQ

Where can I learn more about the Human Services program's revised strategic approach?

Information about the Kresge Human Services program's revised strategic approach can be found on Kresge.org. You can also [view a recording of the webinar](#) introducing the new program.

What are the new focus areas for the Human Services program?

The three new focus areas for the Kresge Human Services program are:

- Advancing innovative, multi-sectorial policy solutions in human services
- Fostering the next generation of human services organizations
- Building place-based opportunity ecosystems

How will the revised strategic approach impact my current grant?

The new strategic approach will not impact active grants until the grant term is completed.

How do I find out about new funding opportunities?

All current grant opportunities will be listed on our [Current Funding Opportunities](#) page. You can also [subscribe](#) to receive news alerts from Kresge including new grant opportunities.

What funding opportunities are available now?

We are currently seeking proposals for our focus area, [advancing innovative, multi-sectoral policy solutions in human services](#) through an open portal. There is no deadline to apply, and we will review proposals for this focus area on an ongoing basis.

For the [fostering the next generation of human services organizations](#) focus area, we will directly source proposals. Direct sourcing means that program staff will identify the strategic opportunities to support programs or organizations that are changing and influencing the human services sector and invite a proposal. This will allow the Human Services team to be more efficient and targeted with our investments.

However, additional RFPs and special funding opportunities may be developed. These opportunities will be posted to [Current Funding Opportunities](#).

We are not currently seeking proposals for the [building place-based opportunity ecosystems](#) focus area.

What should I do if my organization doesn't fit with the current focus areas?

At this time, we will only be funding projects that align with our three program focus areas. New funding opportunities will be listed on our [Current Funding Opportunities](#) page.

I see that you currently only have one open opportunity, but I would like to request funding for a different focus area.

The Human Services Program is focused on a strategic set of goals and the team is sourcing potential partners that align with our program focus areas. We are currently seeking proposals for our focus area, [advancing innovative, multi-sectoral policy solutions in human services](#). All available opportunities will be added to the [Current Funding Opportunities](#) page.

What does the Kresge Human Services program see as innovative organizations?

Innovative organizations in human services are nonprofits that have embraced a person-centered, holistic and outcome-driven approach throughout the enterprise, and have developed models and strategies that are ready for expansion and replication. These organizations have a demonstrated track record of transformative work in their ability to move low income people into the economic mainstream. While there are many good and highly effective organizations that are embracing a person-centered approach, the program's focus is on those that are seen as leaders and champions of change.

How does the Kresge Human Services program define next generation?

Next generation organizations are organizations that are setting the pace of evolution in the human services sector. These organizations are identifying emerging practices and trends.

How do I know how much to apply for?

The Human Services team invests in programs and ideas that will accelerate change and have real impact for people with low-income. A proposal should address the need for Kresge's investment as well as the path forward for an organization to be self-sufficient and sustainable. A grant from Kresge is usually between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

I have a question that hasn't been answered through the FAQ. How can I connect with a member of the Kresge team for help?

If you are a current grantee, please contact your Human Services Program Officer with your question. Additional questions can be submitted to InquiryHumanServices@kresge.org.