



## Grant Applications and Recommendations

NMF accepts grant applications in several formats to meet the diverse needs of our funds and the communities and organizations they serve:

- Paper applications – A sample is included in this toolkit.
- Jotform online applications – A sample can be provided upon request.
- Foundation Cloud Grants (FCG) software – Our preferred online platform for grantmaking.

As part of our commitment to accessibility, transparency, and streamlined grant management, NMF will be transitioning all funds toward using Foundation Cloud Community Portal, otherwise known as the NMF Web Portal. This user-friendly system offers centralized storage, easier access for advisors and reviewers, and an efficient processing of grant applications. Additional training and resources to support this transition will be shared in the near future.

### Grant Recommendations

Currently, NMF receives grant recommendations through:

- Paper recommendation forms – A sample is included in this toolkit. Grant applications recommended for funding must accompany this form.
- Web Portal submissions – A link is provided for convenient online recommendations. Log into the NMF Web Portal to submit your grant recommendations and email your corresponding meeting minutes to [philanthropy@nwmf.org](mailto:philanthropy@nwmf.org)

The NMF Web Portal Offers integrated online review and recommendation tools.

NMF will encourage all funds to adopt the NMF Web Portal for both grant review and recommendations. This software supports more efficient collaboration, improves access to historical records, and ensures secure storage of applications, approvals, and final grant reports. More detailed guidance on using the NMF Web Portal for grants will be available soon.

### Need Assistance?

To determine the best tools for managing your fund's grant applications and recommendations, please reach out to the Philanthropy Officer assigned to your fund. You may also contact us at [philanthropy@nwmf.org](mailto:philanthropy@nwmf.org) with any questions.

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