



How to Navigate the Public Safety Grant Application Portal:

1. Create an account or log in to the grant portal.
2. Once logged in, you should arrive at the **2026 NiSource Charitable Foundation Grant Program** webpage. Click **"Start a New Application."**
3. Search for your organization using either:
 - a. Your organization's name, or
 - b. Your organization's tax identification number.

Important: To be eligible, you must apply through a qualified 501(c)(3) organization **OR** through an identified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization partner.

4. Complete the application prompts and answer all questions to the best of your ability.
5. Under **the Introductory Information** section, select **"Ohio."**
6. **What type of grant are you requesting**, select **"State Impact Grant."**
7. Upload a document containing your Board of Directors. A document listing your organization's leadership team is also acceptable.
8. **Which of the above giving pillars does your request most address**, select **"Basic Needs and Safety."**
 - a. **Which community need does your request focus on**, select **"General Safety,"** unless another option more accurately reflects your organization's program or training.
9. Finally, navigate to the **State Information** section. ****Under the Ohio Program, select "Public Safety Grant."****
10. Complete the remaining application questions.

****Important**:** *Selecting a different option may route your application to another grant program. Applications submitted under a different grant program will not be considered for the Public Safety Grant opportunity.*

Thank you for your interest in the Public Safety Grant Program. We encourage you to review your application carefully before submitting it.

Questions?

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