



**2026 HOUSTON TEXANS INSPIRE CHANGE GRANT PRESENTED BY CONOCOPHILLIPS
AND COCACOLA SOUTHWEST BEVERAGES**

APPLICATION

The Inspire Change Grant, presented in partnership with the Houston Texans, ConocoPhillips and Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages will award grants to nonprofit organizations in Houston to fund programs, seed projects and create partnerships that unlock pathways to new opportunities and support social justice and racial equity efforts in Houston.

Please complete the grant application below. If you have any questions, please contact
Foundation@HoustonTexans.com.

The organization must complete all application questions and submit all requested materials to qualify for funding.

TIMELINE:

August 3, 2026	Grant application launches
September 14, 2026	Grant application closes at midnight CT
December 2026	Grant recipients notified and grantees recognized at a Texans game
December 31, 2026	Grant recipients receive funds prior to this date

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION:

The recipient organization must provide proof of nonprofit status before being confirmed as a winner. All winners will be required to complete a winner's affidavit.

- Yes, my organization is either a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, registered school, university, or government entity.
- Yes, I have read through the Inspire Change Grant Guidelines and Criteria and attest that my organization meets the Funding Criteria and Eligibility Requirements

Organization Name:

EIN:

Organization Website:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City, State, Zip Code:



Organizational Mission Statement:

Organization Annual Operating Budget:

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

- I am authorized to complete and submit this application on behalf of my organization.

Salutation:

First Name:

Last Name:

Job Title:

Email Address:

Best Phone Number:

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Grant Request Amount:

Requests should range from \$10,000 - \$50,000. Proposals outside of this range will not be considered.

What type of funding is being requested?

- ☐ Programs
- ☐ Capacity Building
- ☐ General Operating Support
- ☐ Capital Campaign
- ☐ Other *(Please describe):*

Select Area of Focus (Select one):

- ☐ **Education**
 - Tutoring and educational enrichment in underserved schools and communities
 - Scholarships and college access support
 - Support for first-generation college students
 - Literacy services and resources
 - Educational programs for youth



○ **Basic Needs**

- Food banks, soup kitchens, meal distribution programs
- Homeless shelters, transitional housing, and affordable housing initiatives
- Utility assistance programs, including support with electricity, water, heating and cooling costs

○ **Criminal Justice Reform**

- Relational policing
- Diversion and prevention programs
- Support for children with incarcerated parents
- Anti-recidivism support and re-entry services

○ **Workforce and Economic Development**

- Support for minority and women-owned businesses
- Job training, workforce development, and pathways to employment

○ **Community Resources**

- Poverty alleviation and financial stability programs
- Access to mental health services and supports in underserved communities and schools
- Homelessness prevention, housing stability, and supportive services

○ **Other (Please describe)**

Which of the counties in the Greater Houston area will be served by your program?

Programs serving counties outside of the ones listed below are not eligible for funding.

- Austin
- Brazoria
- Brazos
- Burleson
- Chambers
- Fort Bend
- Galveston
- Grimes
- Harris
- Liberty
- Madison
- Montgomery
- Robertson
- San Jacinto
- Trinity
- Walker
- Waller
- Washington



Describe how your organization advances opportunities for underserved communities and promotes equity within the populations you serve. (100 words or less)

Provide a summary of the project, program, or initiative for which funds are being requested. Explain how this grant would help achieve measurable outcomes and create meaningful impact for your organization and/or community. Include evidence of past impact where applicable. (250 words or less)

Please describe the critical need in your community that this grant would address and highlight how your organization is uniquely positioned to address this need. (100 words or less)

Provide a proposed timeline for implementing your project and using grant funds. Include any key milestones, activities, or events, as applicable. (100 words or less)

What is the estimated number of individuals who will benefit from this funding? Please describe the populations served and include demographic information or percentages, if available. (50 words or less)

Describe how your organization's leadership, staff, executives, and board bring lived experience, community connections, and perspectives that help inform your work and support the communities you serve. (100 words or less)

If awarded less than your requested amount, how would you adjust your project or use the funds? (50 words or less)

Describe any potential opportunities for the Texans organization to volunteer, engage, visit, or participate in your programs or special events related to the grant request. (100 words or less)

Please provide an itemized spending budget of how the grant funds will be used*



Please upload the following documents.

- Most recent financial statements (audited, if available)
- Current year operating budget

- Yes, I would like to receive information on the latest in Texans community initiatives!

By signing up, you will receive a e-newsletter with information on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and ways to donate and give back with the Texans.

Thank you for your application. The Houston Texans Foundation reserves the right to request additional information as it considers your submission.