

FY27 City Council Discretionary Funding

January 16, 2026

Mayor's Office of Nonprofit Services History

In 2021, City Council passed LL164, introduced by Council Member Farrah Louis, amending the City Charter to create the Mayor's Office of Nonprofit Services.

MONS Mission

The Mayor's Office of Nonprofit Services (MONS) is dedicated to strengthening New York City's nonprofit sector.

As the first office of its kind, we serve as a bridge between city agencies and nonprofits to support the delivery of essential services across the city.

We achieve this through performance management, partnerships, reform, capacity building, and culture change.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. What is Discretionary Funding
3. How Awards are Made
4. Tips for Applying
5. What Happens After You Receive Funding
6. Resources
7. Next Steps

Goals for today:

- Understand the City Council discretionary funding process
- Prepare to apply
- Learn about resources available to you during the process

Money awarded by the **NYC City Council** to nonprofits to meet local needs and fill gaps in services.

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Not competitive like typical city government funded contracts. It's awarded directly through **Council Members** or citywide initiatives.

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Can support operating, program, or local initiatives based on **community needs**.

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Who can apply



Only nonprofits can apply



Must have a valid EIN and provide services in NYC that are open to the public



Must be incorporated and in good standing with NYS Charities Bureau

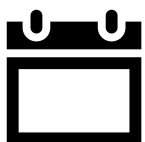


Fiscal Year 2027 Discretionary Funding Expense Application Filing Period

January 5, 2026

Please be advised that all not-for-profit community-based organizations that wish to apply for discretionary funding for FY2027 must submit a Council Application. The FY2027 application will be posted on the Council's website at this location on **Monday, January 5th, 2026** and the submission deadline will be on **Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 @ 6:00PM**.

[Apply for FY2027 Discretionary Funding](#)



The deadline to apply is **February 18th**!



<https://council.nyc.gov/budget/fy2027-discretionary-funding-expense-application-filing-period/>



When and How to Apply

Not-for-Profit cultural organizations seeking grant funding through DCLA must also submit an application to DCLA’s Cultural Development Fund (CDF).

Organizations that DCLA finds eligible for a CDF award may receive discretionary funding and contract through DCLA. (Note that the organization does not actually receive an award from CDF; only that the entity meets eligibility requirements.)





Member Local Initiatives:

Funds for district-specific needs, determined by each Council Member.



Aging Discretionary:

Funds for senior services via the Department for the Aging.



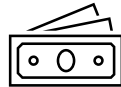
Youth Discretionary

Funds for youth services and community development.



Speaker Initiatives:

Larger initiatives or those serving broader areas, requested by members or the Speaker.



Anti-Poverty Initiative:

Additional funds based on district poverty levels.



Capital Funding

Supports one-time, long-term physical investments.

Application: Non-profits apply through [NYC CapGrants Portal](#) and other relevant portals.



Start early. Applications are only open for a short window. Don't wait until the deadline to apply!



Clearly describe who you serve and how the funding meets a local need.



Watch council deadlines and reach out to discretionary@council.nyc.gov for help.



Engage with your local Council Members **year-round** and maintain active communication channels. Research what your council member funded in the past.



Ensure all legal documentation is current, including incorporation in NYS, Charities Bureau registration and annual filings, and IRS tax exemption if applicable.



Consider organizational capacity; use of City funds must be documented for a public purpose, funds must substantially support the organization.



Council reviews all applications.



Awardees are published in the city's adopted budget each year.



Discretionary awards must meet procedural requirements to be cleared for payment by agencies through a contract or grant.

City Council maintains a list of discretionary awards by fiscal year.

New York City Council

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The City Budget

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[Access Submitted and In-Progress FY2027 Applications](#)

Fiscal 2025 City-Wide Initiative Reporting

[Initiative Reporting Forms](#)

Discretionary funds database

[Search Expense Funding](#)

[Search Capital Funding](#)

[Download Data \(NYC OpenData\)](#)

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Maintain award clearance

- Complete procedural requirements (by June)
 - Create PASSPort Account
 - PQL Application
 - Complete Capacity Building Training
 - City Council Legal approval



Understand type of award

- DCLA Grant
- Multi-year contract
- Discretionary Grant Pilot



Get ready to work with NYC

- Confirm PIP account for payment transfer
- Meet NYC insurance requirements



The screenshot shows the 'Discretionary Award Tracker' web application. On the left is a navigation menu with links for 'Nonprofit Initiatives', 'Discretionary Award Process', 'Prequalification For Discretionary', 'Capacity Building Training', 'Discretionary Award Tracker' (highlighted in purple), 'Returnable Grant Fund', 'Contract Compliance Support', and 'Indirect Cost Rate Initiative'. At the bottom left of the menu are social media icons for Facebook, X, and Twitter, followed by a 'Share' icon and a 'Print' icon.

Discretionary Award Tracker

The Discretionary Tracker is a digital tool to search the status of all City Council Discretionary Awards from the past three fiscal years. For a comprehensive overview of the Discretionary Award Process, including the Procedural Requirements outlined below, please refer to the [Guide: Understanding New York City Council Discretionary Funding](#) and [Discretionary Checklist](#).

Note: The tracker is **not** updated in real time. It is updated about every six weeks, after City Council votes on [transparency resolutions](#). Please check the "Data as of..." date near the search box: if your organization completed any of the requirements **after** the date listed below, the status of your award(s) will only change with the **next** update. Your organization should only contact MOCS if a requirement completed before the date listed still appears outstanding.

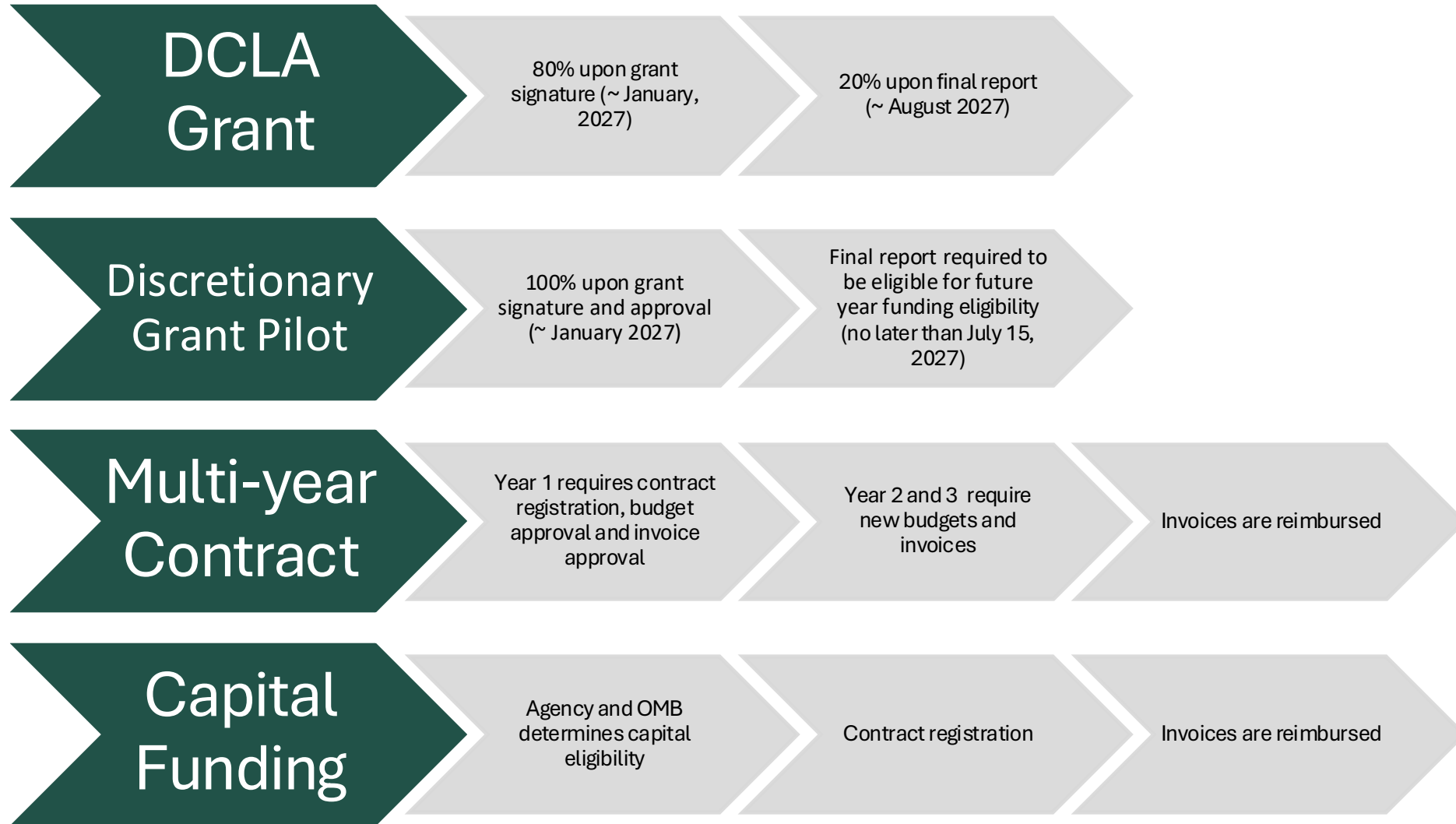
Search Discretionary Awards Data as of December 16, 2025

Search by name (5 character minimum) OR by EIN (omit "-")

Search [Reset](#)

The Mayor's Office of Contract Services maintains the Discretionary Award Tracker which allows you to see the status of your Awards.

The status will indicate if your organization is able to begin the contracting or grant process with the assigned agency or what outstanding requirements you must complete to begin the process to get paid.



NYC Council Discretionary Funding: What Is It & How to Apply

Learn about the application process, funding timelines, organizational requirements, and how to manage a reimbursement grant. The workshop also walks through the portal step-by-step and helps identify which initiatives may be the best fit for your organization.

Click [here](#) to register for any of the free sessions listed below:

- **Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 10:00-11:00 AM**
- **Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 6:30-7:30 PM (Only for Art Organizations)**

NYC Council Discretionary Capital Funding

In this workshop, learn about NYC Capital Discretionary Funding: organization and project eligibility, the application process, CapGrants portal, and required application documents.

Click [here](#) to register.

- **Wednesday, January 23, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM**

Council Member Nantasha Williams is inviting Community Based Organizations to participate in a Discretionary Funding Virtual Training.

Click [here](#) to register.

- **Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 7:00 PM**



Contact your council member or the council discretionary team for questions about the application.



Contact MOCS For PASSPort support



Contact vols probono for legal services related to corporate filings



Contact MONS for assistance along the way



Resources



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[City Council Discretionary Policies & Procedures](#)



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