GRANTING GUIDELINES

The Change Network grants are project grants meant to support organizational and systems change. The intention of the program and grants is to build an individual’s leadership capacity to change an organization and system.

These grants are generally funneled through a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status to support the cohort member’s project, consideration for funds to be distributed to individuals will be made on a case by case basis. The grants are not intended for general business expenses nor for use to start a new nonprofit.

**What are examples of what the funds can be used for?**
Funds can be used for a variety of different items or services. Please remember the funds must be used to implement a specific project related activity, which include but is not limited to:

- Purchasing equipment/software
- Hiring expertise (consultants, etc.)
- Paying a project manager (yourself or contractor)
- Renting space for a meeting or event
- Travel to/from program meetings – for participants and for staff delivering program
- Marketing for a specific program which can include design, printing, website updates
- Focus Groups

**What are examples of what the funds cannot be used for?**

- Incorporating an organization
- Legal/Accounting Fees
- General business expenses
- Any expense that is not related to a specific project activity
- Advocacy or political activities
- Capital expenses

**What happens if I can’t use all the funds by September 2020 (within the program year)?**
If funds are not scheduled to be used exceptions can be made on a case by case basis. All reporting requirements must still be adhered to.