OIE's FY22 Build to Scale Program

Frequently Asked Questions

May 2022

Topics To Be Covered

- Eligibility Information

- Co-applicants, Contractors and Sub-awardees

- Application Materials and Submission Process

- FAQ and Additional Resources

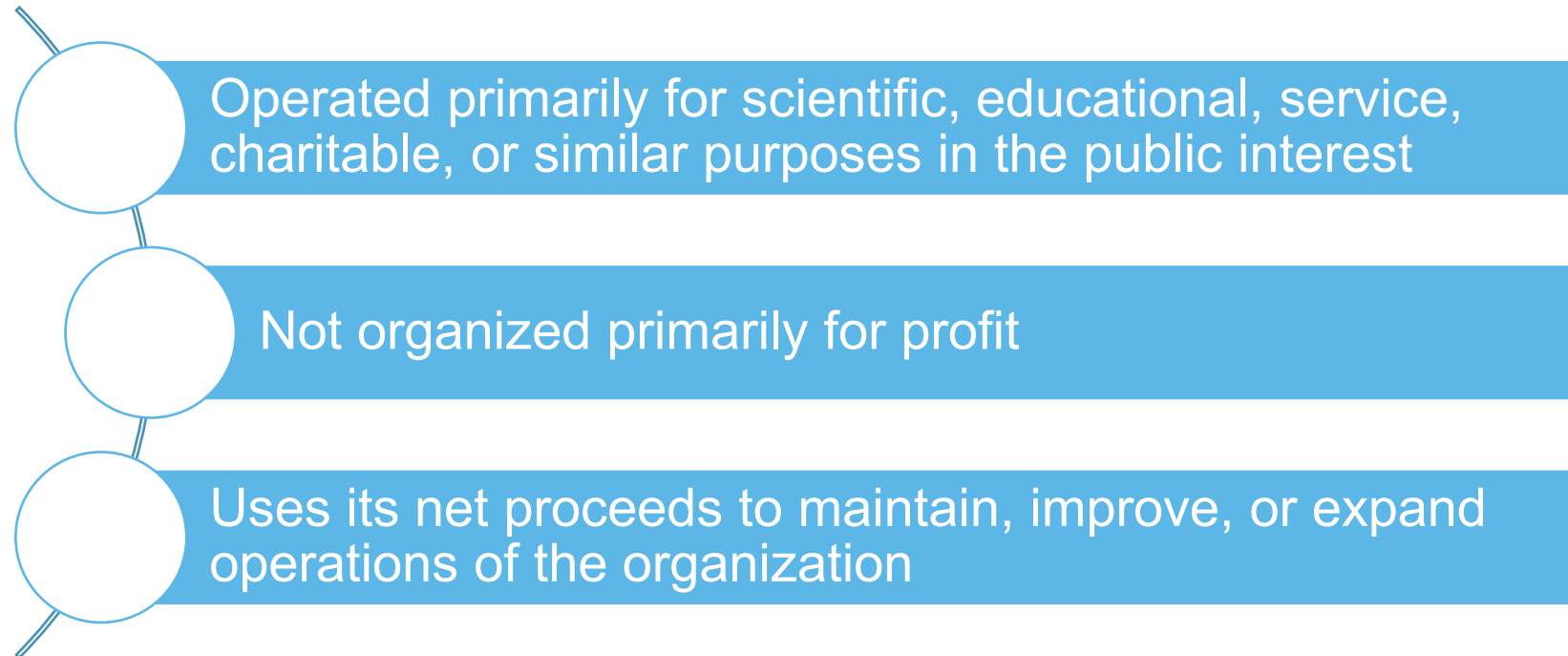# Who is Eligible to apply for Build to Scale funding?

- A State;
- An Indian tribe;
- A city or other political subdivision of a State;
- An entity whose application is supported by a State or a political subdivision of a State and that is
  - a nonprofit organization,
  - an institution of higher education,
  - a public-private partnership*,
  - a science or research park,
  - a Federal laboratory*,
  - a venture development organization*,
  - an economic development organization*; or
- A consortium of the above

* These types of entities can have complex eligibility determinations, so we encourage you to reach out to EDA early if your applicant organization is organized in one of these ways.

In order to apply as a non-profit organization, must I be legally organized as a 501(c)(3)?

- No, but to be eligible as a nonprofit organization, the organization must provide information that the organization is:

Operated primarily for scientific, educational, service, charitable, or similar purposes in the public interest

Not organized primarily for profit

Uses its net proceeds to maintain, improve, or expand operations of the organization

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Are previous B2S or Regional Innovation Strategies (RIS) Program grantees with active grants eligible for the FY 22 Build to Scale program?

- Generally, no, organizations cannot apply for the same challenge (or one of its predecessors) as the currently active grant. A grant is considered active if the scope of work will not be completed by November 1, 2022.

Active Capital Challenge
or Seed Fund
Support Award?

Active Venture,
Industry or i6
Challenge award?

Not eligible for
FY '22 Capital
Challenge

Not eligible for
FY '22 Venture
Challenge

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Does my organization need to be registered on SAM.gov to apply?

- Yes, and the process of registration can take weeks. If you are not yet registered, start the process ASAP. We will not accept late submissions due to SAM registration delays.

What about Grants.gov?

- In order to apply for Build to Scale, you must be registered on Grants.gov. If you have issues with registration, contact the Grants.gov help desk. https://gditshared.servicenowservices.com/hhs_grants

What is a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and do I need one to apply?

- DUNS Number has been replaced by the UEI

- UEI is required in Grants.gov for each application

- You must have a UEI to apply for B2S

- Additional guidance on the implications of this transition on submitting grant applications is provided here: https://www.grants.gov/forms/planned-uei-updates.html.

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Are co-applicants allowed?

- Yes, you can apply as co-applicants if two or more entities will be managing and implementing the scope of work of an award. EDA asks that you designate a lead fiscal agent, if you choose to apply with co-applicants.

What documentation is required for co-applicants?

- Co-applicants should submit the same forms that the primary applicant must submit and should indicate on the SF-424 that there are multiple applicants. See Section D.2 and Appendix B of the NOFO for specific application requirements.

What is the difference between a contractor and co-applicant?

- Co-applicants jointly manage the scope of work of an award, whereas contractors provide goods and services for the applicant's or co-applicants' use in performing the scope of work of an award

What is the difference between a sub-awardee and a co-applicant?

- Sub-awardees, as with contractors, carry out a portion of project activities on behalf of the applicant or co-applicant(s). Sub-awardees must be eligible entities under the B2S NOFO.

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Are applicants limited to submitting one application per challenge?

- Yes, generally applicants are limited to submitting one application per challenge, unless they are applying as part of a separate consortium or group of entities (such as a public-private partnership). In general, applications are limited to one per distinct applicant per challenge.

How do I submit my application, and what should I do in case of issues with submission?

EDA will only accept applications submitted through Grants.gov.

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=339481

In the case of issues with submission, you should contact the Grants.gov help desk and document the process. EDA will generally not accept late submissions due to applicant challenges with Grants.gov.

GRANTS.GOV
1-800-518-4726 (U.S.)
1-606-545-5035 (International)
support@grants.gov

Next Steps

- EDA will publish a second FAQ webinar in the coming weeks, focusing on funding and budget, the application review process, and award notification. **Please submit questions to be covered by May 20.**

- EDA will continuously update the materials on our website, including the FAQ, throughout the application process, based on questions received.

  https://eda.gov/oie/buildtoscale/

- Questions? Email us at oie@eda.gov.