

FY26 General Operating Support – Funding Formula and Allocation

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Purpose: This document provides an overview of two different options for distributing General Operating funds.

Funding Formula: Applicants do not apply for a specific award amount, rather, they are *eligible* for award based on budget size. This is referred to as the “base percentage.” The actual award amount will be scaled to the available budget. This is already approved by the Commission and was described in the application and guidelines.

Allocation: There are two options for determining allocations. One is to use a uniform scale where every organization is scaled using the same multiplier; or to use a weighted scale based on grantee size category. This is a policy decision. In FY25, we used a uniform scale (33%).

The staff recommendation is to adopt Option 2: Weighted Scale. A side by side comparison of summary data points for both Options and the FY25 awards is on the last page.

Policy Choices/Options for FY26

Option 1: Uniform Scale

Option 1 is to use a uniform scale, which is the same method used in FY25. A uniform scale is a percentage that is applied to scale the full funding grant amount for each grantee to the available budget. Full funding for each grantee refers to the maximum amount each grantee is eligible for according to the funding formula.

The uniform scale is calculated as follows:

1. Sum of full funding for all eligible organizations (79 organizations): \$5,749,325.85
2. Total dollars available (60% of grant budget): \$1,957,320.00
3. Dollars available / sum of full funding = $1,957,320 / 5,749,325.85 = 34.044\%$
4. Multiply each grantees' full funding amount by 34.044% to calculate grant amounts per grantee

This uniform scale results in:

Option 1: Uniform Scale – Summary

Organization Size	# of Grantees	% of Funds	Total Funds	Award Ranges
Large organizations	8	20.8%	\$407,132.34	\$20,721 - \$68,089
Midsize organizations	21	42.2%	\$825,366.32	\$32,382 - \$40,853
Medium organizations	26	28.1%	\$549,399.16	\$9,857 - \$40,201
Small organizations	16	7.6%	\$148,221.81	\$5,409 - \$17,012
Micro organizations	8	1.4%	\$27,200.36	\$1,021 - \$5,499

Option 2: Weighted Scale

Option 2 is to use a weighted scale to direct the available budget based on size category. In other words, instead of all organizations being scaled at 34%, we scale a category (i.e., small, medium, etc.) at a higher or lower overall scale/percentage. Taking into consideration the previous policy objectives of the Commission, Option 2 reallocates 5% from the large budget categories and distributes it among the smaller ones. Those percentages across size categories are follows:

- Large organizations: 15.5%
- Midsize organizations: 41.5%
- Medium organizations: 31%
- Small organizations: 9.5%
- Micro organizations: 2.5%

We use these budget category allocations to then calculate grant amounts. First, multiply the operating budget (\$1,957,320) by each category allocation:

	Category Allocation	Budget per category
Large	15.5%	\$303,384.60
Midsize	41.5%	\$812,287.80
Medium	31%	\$606,769.20
Small	9.5%	\$185,945.40
Micro	2.5%	\$48,933.00

Next, determine the scale per category. This is calculated by the same method in Option 1, but instead of one scale for all grantees, it is a unique/weighted scale for each category. Calculate this by dividing the budget per category by the sum of fully funding each organization within the category.

	Category Allocation	Budget per category	Sum of full funding per category	Category scale
Large	15.5%	\$303,384.60	\$1,195,888.51	0.253689703
Midsize	41.5%	\$812,287.80	\$2,424,386.37	0.335048823
Medium	31%	\$606,769.20	\$1,613,775.36	0.375993597
Small	9.5%	\$185,945.40	\$435,378.74	0.427088842
Micro	2.5%	\$48,933.00	\$79,896.88	0.61245197

Finally, multiply the category scale by the full funding amount for each grantee. This calculates the grant size per grantee. The table below shows the summary data.

Option 2: Weighted Scale – Summary

Organization Size	# of Grantees	% of Funds	Total Funds	Award Ranges
Large organizations	8	15.5%	\$303,384.60	\$15,440 - \$50,738
Midsize organizations	21	41.5%	\$812,287.80	\$31,869 - \$40,206
Medium organizations	26	31%	\$606,769.20	\$10,886 - \$44,399
Small organizations	16	9.5%	\$185,945.40	\$6,785 - \$21,341
Micro organizations	8	2.5%	\$48,933.00	\$1,837 - \$9,892

Side by Side Comparisons

Option 1: Uniform Scale. Option 1 uses a uniform scale of .3404 for all grantees.

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Option 2: Weighted Scale. Option 2 uses a weighted scale as follows: large (.2537), midsized (.3350), medium (.3760), small (.4271), micro (.6125).

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The **FY25** operating dollars were allocated using a uniform scale (.33).

Organization Size	# of Grantees	% of Funds	Total Funds	Award Ranges
Large organizations	8	23.9%	\$465,286.11	\$18,467 - \$66,178
Midsized organizations	20	38.6%	\$751,270.94	\$23,145 - \$39,707
Medium organizations	23	25.6%	\$498,230.98	\$8,888.05 - \$40,309
Small organizations	22	9.5%	\$184,521.38	\$3,324 - \$15,435
Micro organizations	17	2.5%	\$47,809.02	\$992 - \$5,338