



RISE HIGH Grant Partnership Program FAQs

1. **What is our definition of racial equity?** We center our work and investments to foster a more just, fair and inclusive society in which all can participate, prosper and reach their full potential. We emphasize the importance of racial equity which is the condition that is achieved when one's identity no longer predicts in a statistical sense, how one fares. Racial equity is a part of racial justice and thus we work to address root causes of inequities and not just their manifestations.
2. **How many grants will be awarded?** The RISE HIGH Grant Partnership Program is very competitive and grant dollars are limited. This year we are granting up to 20 awards, including one (1) grant for \$75,000- the 212 Convergence Grant and up to (19) RISE HIGH Growth Grants.
3. **Application Due Dates:**

RISE HIGH Growth Grant- Spring Round: March 31, 2024; Fall Round: July 31, 2024.
212 Convergence Grant- March 31, 2024.
4. **What is the grant award period?** 12 months
5. **If an applicant is selected, when must the funds be spent down?** Within the twelve (12) month grant agreement. A close-out report is due to Neighborhood Allies within thirty (30) days of the final expenditure of awarded funds. We are very much open to working with our grantee partners on the timeline of the program/project and when the funds are expected to be spent. The typical time period for our grant awards ranges from six to eighteen months.
6. **Do I need a fiscal sponsor if not a 501c3?** Only 501c3 can apply. If you are an individual, you will need a fiscal sponsor who will apply on your behalf.
7. **Is there an administration cap?** The administration cap is at 20% but applicants can still include a portion of staff salaries towards the budget outside of the administration. We don't provide operating grants, so the portion of the staff's salary should be based on their time spent directly on the project of this grant proposal. We do not provide general operating support.
8. **Can the funding be used for real-estate projects?** No. The RISE HIGH Grant Partnership Program does not fund real-estate projects. Follow the links below to read more about our Centralized Real Estate Accelerator Program.

[Centralized Real Estate Accelerator One-Pager](#)
[Centralized Real Estate Accelerator Program Details](#)

9. **Can we apply for both RISE HIGH Growth Grant and 212 Convergence Grant?** Organizations can apply to both grants but are only eligible to receive one RHGP per calendar year.

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10. **Is there a matching fund?** There is no matching fund.

11. **If we aren't in a target neighborhood, can we still apply?** Yes, but awards are prioritized for projects/programs based in our focused geographies: the Hilltop, the Hill District, Larimer, Homewood, Millvale and Wilkinsburg.

2024 RISE HIGH Grants Calendar of Events

Dates	RISE HISE Growth Grant	212 Convergence Grant
<u>Spring Cycle</u>		
January 15, 2024	RHG Spring Application Release	212 Convergence Application Release
February 15, 2024	Spring General Zoom Info Session 1: (10am-11am)	
March 7, 2024	Spring General Zoom Info Session 2: (10am-11am)	
March 31, 2024	RHG Spring Application Due	
April 1- May 31, 2024	Application Review	
May 31, 2024	RHG Spring Announcements	212 Convergence Application Due
<u>Fall Cycle</u>		
June 3, 2024	RHG Fall Application Release	
June 12, 2024	Fall General Zoom Info Session 1: (10am-11am)	
June 24, 2024		Investment Advisory Committee Board Applications Review
July 10, 2024	Fall General Zoom Info Session 2: (11am-12pm)	Neighborhood Allies Board Review
July 31, 2024	RHG Fall Application Due	
August 1 – September 30, 2024	Application Review	
September 30, 2024	RHG Fall Announcements	212 Convergence Grant Award Announcement