

OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION

One-Grant-at-a-Time Policy

The Foundation has a policy of providing one grant to an organization at a time.

If your organization has an open grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation, we will not accept a new proposal from your organization until:

1. **The current one-year grant period is complete; and**
2. **Your organization has submitted its final narrative and financial reports.**

This is a change from past practices at the Otto Bremer Foundation, aimed at using grantee reports more effectively to make well-informed decisions. In the past, the Foundation accepted proposals before grant periods were complete and before final reports from previously awarded grants were received. The Foundation has now adopted a process in which we will read and learn from grantee reports before accepting applications for new proposals from those grantees.

Frequently Asked Questions

Here are some basic questions and answers about how that process will work:

1. **When can my organization submit its final reports?** When the one-year grant period is completed (or when the grant activity is completed, if that is sooner), your organization may submit its final narrative and financial reports.
2. **When can my organization submit a new proposal?** Your organization may submit a new proposal after: (1) the Foundation has received the organization's final narrative and financial reports from the previous grant; and (2) the one-year grant period from the previous grant is complete. In most cases this will mean that a new proposal will be considered by the Foundation's trustees 16 months or more after the first grant was made.
3. **Are there any exceptions to this policy?** Yes. There are three exceptions to this policy. In these three situations, the one-grant-at-time policy does not apply:
 - a. **Supplemental Bremer Emergency Fund grantees.** Recipients of grants through the Supplemental Bremer Emergency Fund (BEF-S) are eligible to apply for an additional grant without regard to the "one-grant-at-a-time" rule. BEF-S grants were awarded in December 2010. Organizations that received those grants do not need to wait a year before applying for additional grants.
 - b. **Fiscal sponsors.** An organization currently receiving an Otto Bremer Foundation grant may apply for a new grant to support activities of a different organization for which it is serving as the fiscal sponsor. Similarly, an organization serving as fiscal sponsor for a program receiving an Otto Bremer Foundation grant may apply for a grant for its own activities.
 - c. **Serving a different Bremer community.** An organization currently receiving an Otto Bremer Foundation grant to serve one Bremer community is eligible to apply for another grant to serve a different Bremer community.