

Hello Applicant,

Welcome to the Breakaway Fund Application.

The application was designed with you in mind and should take less than 20 minutes to complete.

In preparation to apply, have ready the:

- Organization EIN, address, website, and social media handles
- Contact titles, phone numbers, and email addresses of your request primary point of contact and organization CEO / Executive Director
- Project description and budget

A few application features:

- To navigate through the application, use the menu on the right.
- You may save and come back to a started application before submitting.
- You are able to flag steps during the application process as reminders to review before final submission. All flags will need to be reviewed prior to submission.
- Submitted applications can be printed.

Important reminders:

- Organizations may only submit one application for one project.
- **Applications must be submitted through the Grantee Portal by 5:00pm PST on Friday, April 10, 2026.**

For questions during the Breakaway Fund Application process, there are two options:

1. Use the Comments feature available on each page. Look for the chat icon on the left side of the screen.
2. Email us at breakaway@samueli.org (mailto:breakaway@samueli.org).

Visit the Samueli Foundation website for the Breakaway Fund Guidelines (<https://www.samueli.org/for-grantseekers/breakaway/>) and other helpful resources for completing this application.

Organization Information

* **Organization Name**

If your organization has a fiscal sponsor, add your organization name here and there will be a field later to enter your fiscal sponsor's name.

Organization Mailing Address

This may be pre-populated with the address on record with the IRS. Feel free to update the fields accordingly.

*** Organization Website**

If your organization does not have a website, please type "N/A."

*** Organization Mission Statement**

Please target 150 words or fewer.

*** Organization Status**

*** Organization EIN or Tax ID**

*** Organization Budget, Current Fiscal Year**

*** Organization Budget, Previous Fiscal Year**

*** Has this organization previously received funding from the Samueli Foundation?**

*** Indicate which Orange County city the organization serves the most residents from?**

Select the city that best describes the organization as a whole, not necessarily this specific funding request.

*** What additional cities in Orange County are being served by this organization?**

If the organization serves the entire county, select "All County."

If the organization does not serve additional cities, select "None."

*** What is the primary focus area of the organization's mission?**

Select the option that best describes the organization as a whole, not necessarily what describes this specific funding request.

If the focus area for this organization is not listed, select "Other" and add the focus area.

If other, please specify:

Please target 10 words or fewer.

*** What additional focus(es) does the organization center?**

If there are no additional focuses, select "None."

If additional focus areas for this organization are not listed, select "Other" and add the focus area.

If other, please specify:

LinkedIn

Instagram

Facebook

X

Other Social Media

Such as TikTok, Bluesky, etc.

Contacts

***Request Primary Contact**

Primary point of contact for questions and updates regarding this application.

Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director

If different from above.

Funding Request

*** Name of Request or Project**

Please target 10 words or less.

*** What is the primary Orange County city being served by this funding request?**

*** What additional cities in Orange County will be served through this funding request?**

If this funding request benefits people throughout the county, select "All County."

If there are no additional cities served, select "None."

*** What is the primary focus of this funding request?**

If the focus area for this funding is not listed, select "other" and add the focus area.

If other, please specify:

*** What are additional focus(es) of this funding request?**

If there are no additional focuses, please select "None."

If additional focus areas for this request are not listed, select "Other" and add the focus area.

If other, please specify:

*** Breakaway Fund Category**

Choose the primary goal of this funding request.

- **Talent and Leadership:** Investments in human capital to improve employee recruitment, professional development, organizational culture, and retention other than personnel salaries.
- **Systems and "Stuff":** Capital expenses or physical assets that improve your organization's ability to deliver its mission, such as technology upgrades (hardware or software), facility or equipment upgrades, and office equipment.
- **Expertise:** Third party technical assistance to augment the current team with the right experts at the right time, such as specialized legal support, accounting assistance, and human resource consulting.

*** Describe the project and how it will strengthen the organization's capacity and/or advance its mission.**

Please target 150 words or less.

*** What impact is expected because of this project?**

Please target 150 words or less.

*** Which Samueli Foundation value most aligns with this project?**

*** Briefly describe how this project embodies the selected value.**

Please target 150 words or less.

*** Total Project Budget:**

Total project budget, inclusive of this funding request.

*** Requested Amount:**

\$50,000 - \$100,000 per request.

*** If granted, would this award fund the project in full?**

*** Have you previously tried to get funding for this project from other funding sources?**

Not including the Samueli Foundation

*** Is this a one-time expense?**