

Arkansas Full Table Fund

Request for Applications (RFA) Q&A Webinar

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Friendly Reminders

While waiting for others to come in, here are some rules and reminders to keep in mind.



Website: www.arcf.org/full-table-fund

01

Feel free to type your questions in the chat box.

02

Questions will be answered at the live Q&A after the presentation.

03

This presentation will be made available after the webinar.

Arkansas Full Table Fund Background



Food Insecurity in Arkansas

Arkansas currently holds the highest percentage of food insecurity in the United States (Some estimates place it at 30 -40%).

Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs

Millions of federal dollars are left on the table.

Only 59% of eligible households participate in SNAP (2022).

Only 40% participate in WIC (2022).

The Charitable Food System

Demand for charitable food assistance has continued to grow.

Investments that strengthen organizational capacity, improve system coordination, and expand equitable access to food and nutrition assistance statewide are critical.

Arkansas Full Table Fund Overview

Vision: Supporting solutions that help every Arkansan get the food they need.

The Arkansas Full Table Fund is a \$10M investment to support Arkansas nonprofits working to improve food and nutrition security and build a stronger safety net.

Arkansas Community Foundation is leading and implementing the Arkansas Full Table Fund with a major financial investment from Walmart Foundation, Cargill and Tyson.



Our Long -Term Vision, an Arkansas with...

01



...a food
insecurity rate at
or below its
economic peers

02



... community
members that can
and do access
federal nutrition
programs when
needed.

03



...a charitable food
sector that has
capacity to reach all
struggling households
with needed services.

Funding Approach



Phase 1: 2-Year to Launch, Learn, & Refine

- Engage community & stakeholders
- Build and train the project team
- Launch the project
- Collect data & evaluate progress
- Refine based on learnings
- Demonstrate impact

Follow -On Selection

Pilot grantees may be selected for continued funding.

Phase 2: Follow -On Funding to Build, Strengthen, and Scale

- Build on findings of phase 1
- Refine and expand successful approaches
- Continue implementation based on demonstrated results

Important : Follow -on funding is not guaranteed. Not all phase 1 grantees will receive additional funding.

Eligibility Criteria

01

Lead organization must be a 501(c)(3), hospital, government entity, or educational institution.

02

Lead organization must be based in Arkansas, and the proposed project must be implemented entirely in Arkansas.

03

Lead organization must have a demonstrated track record addressing food insecurity, nutrition, food access, food systems, or related issues.

04

Proposed project must address at least one dimension of food security and at least one stage of the hunger continuum.

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Proposed project must be focused on sustainable solutions that incorporate policy or systems change.

06

Lead organization must demonstrate capacity to accomplish their proposed project. Smaller organizations are encouraged to partner with others for enhanced capacity.

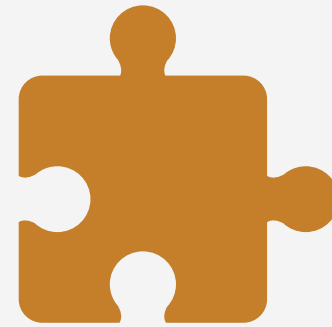
NOT FUNDED AS <u>STAND-ALONE</u> <u>PROJECTS</u>	MAY BE A <u>COMPONENT</u> OF A PROJECT
Research and/or Evaluation	Evaluation supporting a broader programmatic intervention
Nutrition Education	Education and outreach supporting a broader programmatic intervention
Food and/or Household Necessities	Food as a key component of an intervention (e.g., medically tailored meals)
Major Capital Investments	Infrastructure improvements (e.g., pantry re-design, refrigeration, mobile markets)
Commercial Endeavors	Enhancing food access in commercial spaces (e.g., sliding scale models)
Lobbying/Political Campaigns	Non-lobbying advocacy efforts

Funding Streams



ADVOCATE

Improve participation in Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs through **outreach**, **advocacy**, and **systems change**.



STRENGTHEN

Strengthen the **capacity**, **infrastructure**, and **coordination** of Arkansas' charitable food system to improve efficiency and access.



INNOVATE

Support **community-driven solutions** and **innovative approaches** that address food access challenges, promote resilience, and advance food security.

ADVOCATE

Example Projects

- Community-based navigators
- School food access coordinators
- Policy translation for frontline workers
- Grassroots campaigns to promote eligibility expansion for SNAP
- Streamlining WIC enrollment through cross-agency data-sharing

Who should apply?

- Organizations with demonstrated experience in federal/ state nutrition assistance programs
- Organizations with regional or statewide reach, or those who plan to implement programming statewide

Grant Structure

- Pilot phase (Phase 1): Up to \$200,000 for up to 24 months.
- Second phase: Follow-on funding may be available contingent on pilot phase outcomes.

STRENGTHEN

Example Projects

- Food pantry enhancements, such as client-choice models, referral systems, refrigeration, and flexible distributions
- Technology improvements, such as online ordering systems, inventory management software, and donation tracking tools
- Multi-sector coalitions to improve system coordination
- One-stop resource hubs that provide social services

Who should apply?

- Organizations that work to improve food security and access (charitable food organizations, nonprofits, healthcare sites, coalitions, etc.)
- Organizations with experience implementing systems-wide strategies to improve food access

Grant Structure

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INNOVATE

Example Projects

- Food is Medicine models, including medically tailored meals (MTM), medically tailored groceries (MTG), and produce prescriptions
- Farm aggregator food markets, prioritizing produce from local small to mid-size farms
- Health information exchanges, connecting WIC offices and healthcare sites

Who should apply?

- Community-based organizations working to improve food security and access with demonstrated experience in community engagement

Grant Structure

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Participation Requirements

To receive funding, grantees will be expected to...

MEETINGS

- Attend bi -annual/annual 1:1 meetings with Arkansas Community Foundation
- Participate in virtual Learning Collaboratives

REPORTING & DELIVERABLES

- Submit financial reporting, a mid -point progress report, and final report, if applicable
- Provide copies of materials or other resources created as a result of the project

EVALUATION SUPPORT

- Participate in an external evaluation to assess initiative reach and impacts
- Receive technical assistance in data collection and analysis to support reporting

Application Process

Key Dates

October 1, 2026

Application opened

November 23, 2026

Notice of Intent deadline

December 7, 2026

Application deadline

February 2027

Award Announcement

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete a Notice of Intent (NOI) at least 2 weeks before the application deadline.
- Use offline templates to plan and draft applications.
- Prepare accompanying documents requested in the application, such as a 990, financial audit, letters of support, resumes, etc.
- Submit your application using the Grant Lifecycle Manager (GLM) portal.
- Website : www.arcf.org/full-table-fund

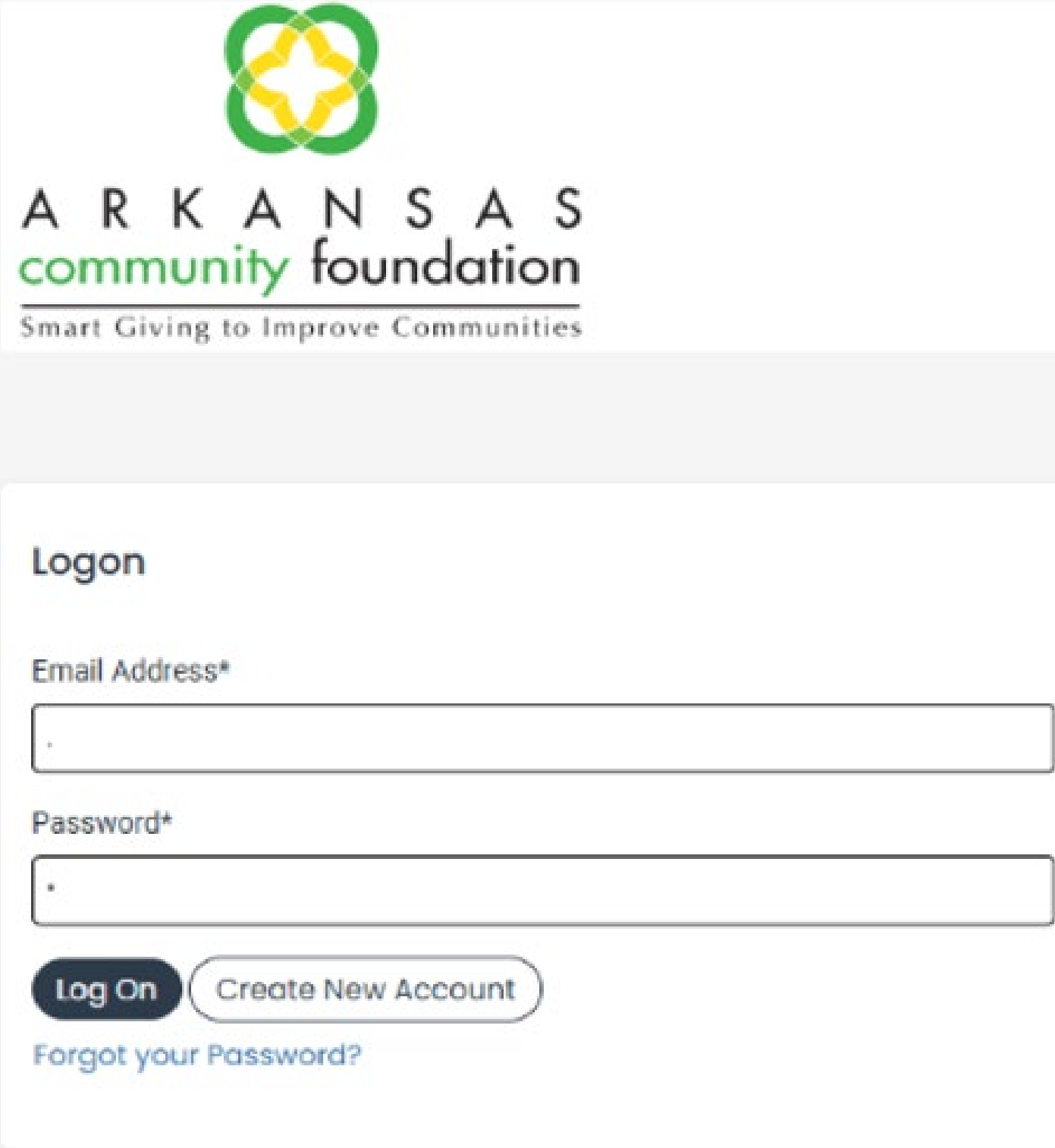
Grant Lifecycle Manager Walkthrough

Before applying:

1. Download a Word template of the application from the website (this is to help you with planning only, you will not submit the template)
2. Work with your team to plan your project and application
3. Assemble any documents needed for the submission
4. When you are ready, complete your online application

First step, create an account (if you don't have one):

1. Click on "Create New Account"
2. Enter your contact information
3. Click on the "Next Step" button
4. Create a password
5. Click "Finish"

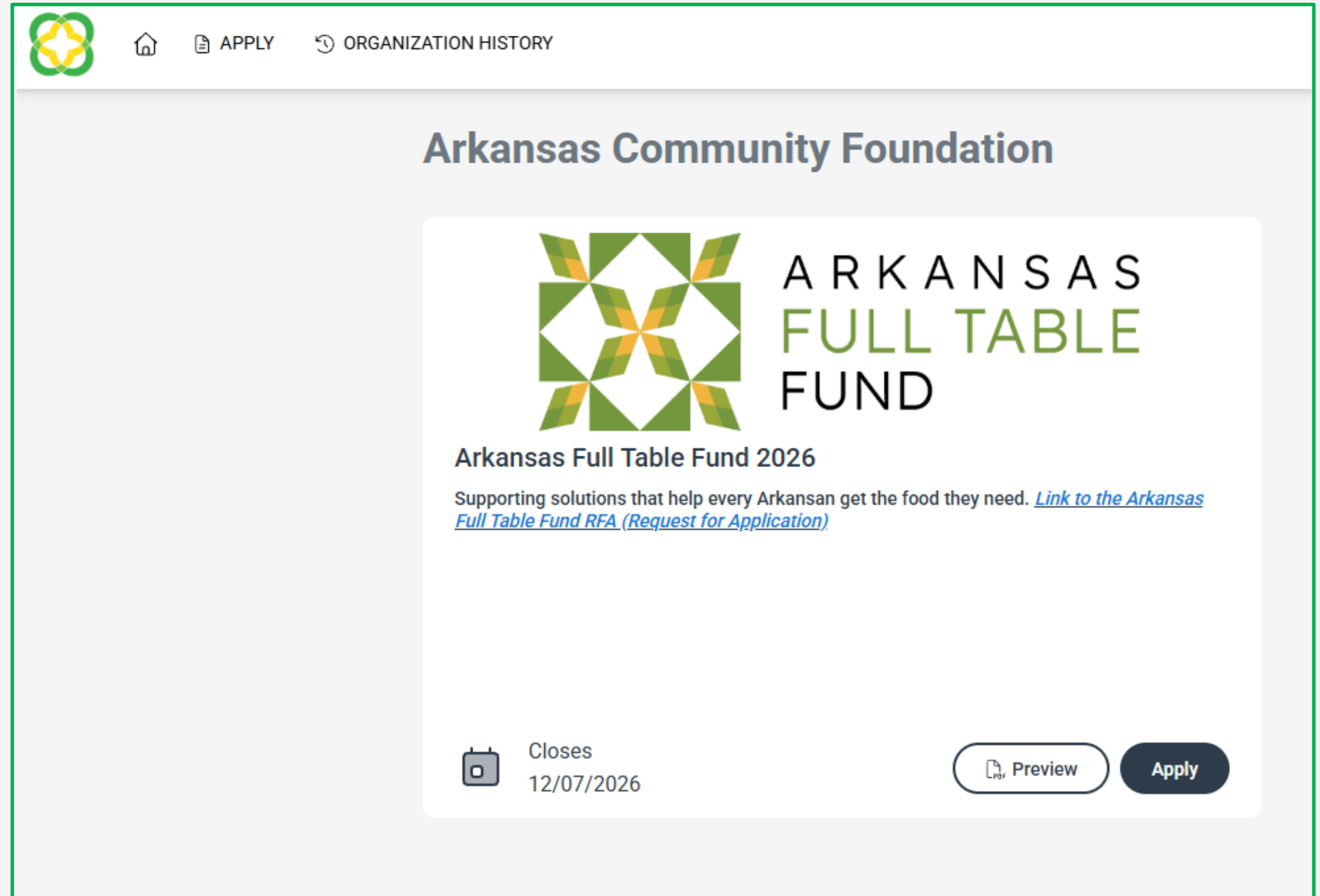


The screenshot displays the login and account creation interface for the Arkansas Community Foundation. At the top, the organization's logo is shown, featuring a green and yellow circular emblem above the text "ARKANSAS community foundation" and the tagline "Smart Giving to Improve Communities". Below the header, the "Logon" section contains two input fields: "Email Address*" and "Password*", each with a small asterisk icon in the bottom left corner. Underneath these fields are two buttons: a dark blue "Log On" button and a light blue "Create New Account" button. At the bottom of the section, there is a blue link that reads "Forgot your Password?".

Grant Lifecycle Manager Walkthrough

Next steps:

1. Navigate to the Arkansas Full Table Fund application
2. Complete your application (you can apply to each fund within the same application – only 1 project per funding stream)
3. When you're finished, submit the application
4. You can view your submitted application on the dashboard



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply for more than one fund?

- Yes, you can. One project per funding stream (as the lead organization) and you may apply for funding up to the maximum amount listed for each fund.

Can we partner with other organizations to apply for a grant?

- Yes, you can. An application with one or more partner organizations on the budget, especially cross-sector partnerships, will be considered a strength.

Am I required to submit a NOI?

- It is not required, but strongly encouraged. Submitting an NOI helps us prepare for the review process.

Can I use this grant to purchase food?

- Funding cannot be purely for food, but food can be a component of a project alongside a plan to sustain efforts in the long-term.

Questions?



Final Reminders & Next Steps

The application is live!

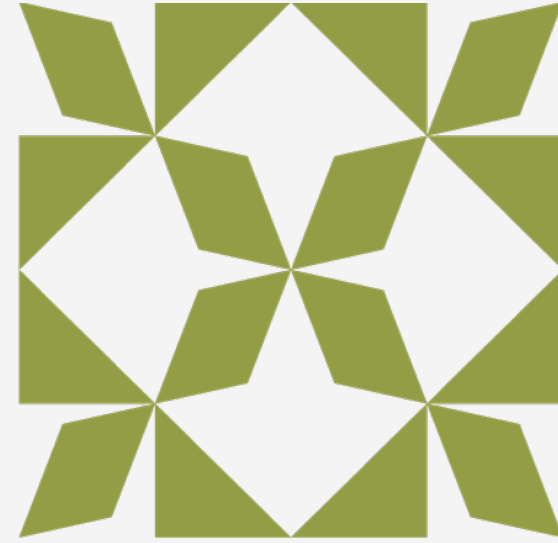
Upcoming Deadlines:

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Thank you!
