

Maximum Eligible Award (MEA)

General Operating Support and General Operating Support Expansion Grant applicants do not apply for a specific grant amount. Instead an initial eligibility for an award amount is determined by the following factors:

- Organization’s cash income (with any Houston HOT funds and Capital Campaigns deducted) averaged over 2 completed years\*
- Amount of funds available for grant program
- Number and budget size of all GOS/E applicants
- Multiplier (based on multiplier table below)

**GOSE Organizations**

2Yr Av Budget*	Multiplier
\$50-\$79k	18%
\$80-\$375k	17%
\$376-\$999K	16%
\$1M+*	10%

**GOS Organizations**

2Yr Av Budget*	Multiplier
\$50-\$99k	14%
\$100-\$249k	13%
\$250-\$499k	12%
\$501-\$999k	10%
\$1M-\$1.99M	5%
\$2M-\$4M*	2%

*Calculating final grant awards involves using the corresponding Multiplier from the tables above and inserting into the equation below.*

Example 1: Two-year average budget for GOSE is \$62K, use 18% as the multiplier.

Example 2: Two-year average for GOS is 1.2Mil use 5% as the multiplier.

**2Yr Average Budget\* x Multiplier x Panel Score/1000**

\*While maximum award remains at \$75k, only organizations with budgets above \$1M would be eligible to receive an award at this level, presuming they received a panel score of 1,000.