What are RHAC Grants?

RHAC grants are an allocated source of funding dedicated to supporting on-campus involved living organizations, and programs looking to improve residence life on campus by focusing on any of RHAC's five pillars:

1. Creating and Developing Community
2. Student Advocacy
3. Student Development and Wellness
4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
5. Recognition and Leadership

Apply at **osu.erezlife.com** after submitting your program for approval.

Who is eligible for a RHAC grant?

All involved living organizations (ILOs) on the Columbus campus are eligible to apply. The following are considered ILOs at Ohio State: Black Student Association (BSA), MUNDO, National Residence Halls Honorary (NRHH), Off the Lake (OTL), CARE Ambassador Program, Community Councils (including RAs), OWL Program, and R-LEAD Program.

How much funding can I receive?

Each grant is eligible to receive up to **$1,000** per program. Funding is granted based on what elements your programs contain. Funding is subject to change based on food, transportation, materials/supplies, prizes, people, and other categories (subject to the discretion of RHAC).

Is there a limit to the amount of times I can apply?

There is no limit to the number of times you can apply for and receive RHAC funding. If the event is being held in conjunction with multiple organizations, only one application should be submitted for said program.

How far in advance should I apply?

Although the deadline to apply for a RHAC grant is the Tuesday at 6:00PM before your program, ideally you should apply for your grant **two or three weeks before your program** in the event that there are any suggested alterations.

Do I have to use all of my funding before applying for a RHAC grant?

RHAC grants are meant to be a supplement for funding and not a replacement. Make sure to check fundings from different sources before applying to a RHAC grant. For an RA, this could be using RA funds, community council funds, and looking for other grants such as a Coke grant.

What does the timeline for getting grants approved and receiving funding look like?

Grants are due each week by Tuesday at 6:00PM. The finance committee will review each grant proposal and return it via erezlife by end of day Friday. If there are any alterations or questions proposed by the committee, responses follow the same Tuesday at 6:00PM deadline and Friday response from our committee.

For example, this means if your program was submitted on a Wednesday, you may not hear back from the RHAC finance committee if you have received funding approval up until the Friday of the following week.

All receipts must be submitted within two weeks following the completion of the program. Note that failure to submit the form and all receipts within this period **will result in no reimbursement.** Please allow at least one week to process receipts for audit and approval. An email alert will be sent to notify the recipient that their check is ready for pickup. Checks should be cashed within two weeks of pickup.

What are examples of grant requests that would not be approved?

- Gift cards may not be purchased from any business that sells any alcohol or illicit substances o Please reach out directly to Meenakshi Manne.20 for specific instructions if you are looking to get vouchers for the Columbus North Market
- Your request and all its contents must abide by the OSU student code of conduct

- Any monetary or material goods from your program must directly benefit the student (we cannot provide funding nor materials for donation)
- Students cannot be charged monetarily or required to provide goods to participate in a program that utilizes RHAC grant funding as a resource
- RHAC grant funding is only intended to be used for students currently living in Ohio State's residence halls on the Columbus campus
- Funding eligibility is limited to ILOs (see our other FAQ question on qualification). If you do not qualify as an ILO, please consider other resources such as USG or CSA funding.

Tips and Tricks:
- Selecting all pillars in your proposal does not make you more eligible for funding. Focus on 1-2 of our pillars and indicate how your program connects to them thoroughly.
  - Please note for programs that fall under the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion pillar in particular, simply stating that your program is open for all to attend does not align with the values held under this pillar. A better example for a DEI program could be a way to share perspectives on contemporary social and moral issues, or celebrate the diversity of cultures and their respective holidays.
- One of RHAC's initiatives is to shop from smaller, local, POC/women-owned businesses. While we live in a world where premium shipping times have become the norm, we urge you to consider the spending power you hold as a consumer. Planning ahead for programs allows for buffer time in longer shipping times. The finance committee is working to create a list of business suggestions that fall under this initiative.
- For events containing food, think about how you can be accommodating to dietary restrictions or provide alternative options. (Vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, dairy free, nut free, common allergens, etc)
- Apply early! Allowing roughly 2-3 weeks for your RHAC grants ahead of your programming date gives you a better chance of getting the full amount of funding requested in case of alterations.

- See where else you can utilize discount codes, seasonal sales, bulk purchasing, or student discounts! Ohio State provides partnership with Coca-Cola to receive grants for free beverages.
- Make sure any graphics/flyer complies with the accessibility guidelines set by Ohio State. This includes but is not limited to: font type readability, font sizing, color scheme, etc.
- Have links to all expenditures if at all possible. It's helpful for the committee to get a visual on the items you are looking to purchase, or have more context to provide suggested alterations if necessary instead of outright denying requests.
- Most programs require senior staff approval on your attached programming form in order for RHAC to be allowed to distribute funding. Try and ensure that this approval has been granted, whether fully approved or approved with reservations.

Reinstatement Process:

If your community council has been informed that you no longer have an active RHAC senator and no longer qualify for funding, you are expected to fill out our reinstatement form at go.osu.edu/needrhacfunding. Please reach out to our Director of Finance (Manne.20) after filling out the form. The executive board will process your reinstatement form and assist your community council in finding resolutions on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact Meenakshi Manne.20 if you have any additional questions or concerns.