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## Cemetery Relief Grant Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: What is the Cemetery Relief Grant?**

A: IDFPR launched the program in August 2025 to grant funds to clean up cemeteries that have been abandoned, neglected, or are otherwise in need of additional care. Units of local government and not-for-profit organizations (including, but not limited to, not-for-profit cemetery authorities) are eligible to apply for Cemetery Relief Fund Grants that will be issued annually. Applicants may apply for a grant (valued up to \$20,000) by completing and submitting the application found online here:

<https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/65750544-360e-4881-8d54-328d83dd659b>

### **Q: When was the Cemetery Relief Grant posted, and what is the deadline to apply?**

A: The Fiscal Year 2026 Cemetery Relief Grant was posted on August 29, 2025. The deadline to apply is October 24, 2025.

### **Q: When will IDFPR award the Grant?**

A: Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) will award the Fiscal Year 2026 Cemetery Relief Grant by the end of Calendar Year 2025.

### **Q: How many grants will be awarded?**

A: Ten (10) Cemetery Relief Fund Grants will be issued in Fiscal Year 2026. Each grant, valued up to \$20,000, is supported by funding allocated in the [FY26 state budget signed into law by Governor JB Pritzker](#)

**Q: How do I apply for the Cemetery Relief Grant?**

A: You may either apply directly through the link provided here:

<https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/65750544-360e-4881-8d54-328d83dd659b>

or through searching the Illinois Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) on the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) website here:

<https://gata.illinois.gov/grants/csfa.html>

**Q: Is there a guide on how to apply for the grant?**

A: Yes, IDFPR’s Grantee Pre-Award Resource Guide is available here:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/forms/dpr/idfpr-cemetery-relief-grantee-pre-award-resource-guide.pdf>

**Q: How do I know if I qualify?**

A: The qualifications are listed in both the application and the CSFA and should be reviewed to determine your eligibility. Please review either at the links provided here:

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**Q: What documentation needs to be submitted with the Cemetery Grant application?**

A: Units of local government need to submit proof that the individual submitting the application has the authority to do so, while not-for-profits will need to submit proof of their not-for-profit status. Entities applying for the grants that do not own the cemetery must also obtain permission from the cemetery’s owner to apply for the grant or provide information indicating why that is not possible. Applicants must also meet a series of eligibility criteria (including having a valid FEIN number and being in [good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State](#)). An entity must be registered in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal (<https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>) at the time of grant application and must also be eligible pursuant to the Cemetery Oversight Act.

**Q: What do I need to have before I apply?**

A: Applicants, in addition to being eligible under the Cemetery Oversight Act, must be:

- (1) registered in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act Grantee Portal;
- (2) have a valid FEIN number;
- (3) have a current SAM.gov registration;
- (4) have a valid UEI number;
- (5) not be on the Federal Excluded Parties list;
- (6) be in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State;
- (7) not be on the Illinois Stop Payment List;
- (8) not be on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions list.

**Q: What is the Illinois Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA)?**

**A:** The Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) is a single, authoritative, statewide, comprehensive source document of State financial assistance program information.

**Q: What is the State of Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), and Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU)?**

**A:** The purpose of GATA is to provide for the development of a coordinated, non-redundant process for the provision of effective and efficient oversight of the selection and monitoring of grant recipients, ensuring quality programs, limiting fraud, waste and abuse, and defining the purpose, scope, applicability and responsibilities in the life cycle of a grant.

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU) oversee the implementation and administration of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

**Q: Where can I learn more about the Pre-Award Requirements?**

**A:** You may learn more about the pre-award requirements here:  
<https://gata.illinois.gov/grantee.html>.

**Q: Where can I find the link to the Grantee Portal and its Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)?**

**A:** You may find the link to the Grantee Portal here: <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>. You may also find the Grantee Portal FAQ here: <https://gata.illinois.gov/grantee/grantee-portal-faq.html>.

**Q: Will there be a training session offered for entities seeking to apply for the Grant?**

**A:** AmpliFund, Illinois' Grant Management Support, hosted a virtual training session for entities seeking to apply for a grant on Thursday, September 4. The training session will soon be available on [IDFPR's YouTube page](#).

**Q: Will there be grants offered each year?**

**A:** Yes. Cemetery Relief Grants will be offered annually.

**Q: Is there a match requirement for this grant?**

**A:** No. Although a match requirement is listed in AmpliFund, there is no match requirement for this grant.

**Q: Our cemetery is in good shape currently, but we are beginning to struggle with the cost of upkeep through the summer season. It is funded mainly through donations. Do you happen to know if the grant covers the cost of mowing?**

**A:** Please review the 'Eligibility Information' section on the funding opportunity webpage here: <https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/65750544-360e-4881-8d54-328d83dd659b> .

**Q: We were looking to apply for funding to build a fence around an old run-down County owned Cemetery. Is this something that might be covered if we have a quote to upload as well?**

**A:** That is more of a local issue and should be addressed at that level and potentially discussed with legal counsel.

**Q: My cemetery is ‘X’ years old; will I qualify?**

**A:** The qualifications are listed in both the application and the CSFA and should be reviewed to determine your eligibility. Please review either at the links provided here:

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**Q: What if there are military or veterans buried in my cemetery? Do I qualify?**

**A:** The qualifications are listed in both the application and the CSFA and should be reviewed to determine your eligibility. Please review either at the links provided here:

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**Q: What is a FEIN, Unique Entity ID (UEI) number, and a DUNS number?**

**A:** This is addressed through sam.gov and the help section of their website, here:

<https://sam.gov/help>

A FEIN (Federal Employer Identification Number) is a unique non-digit number assigned by the IRS to identify a business for tax purposes.

A Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) is a number that identifies your entity registration in SAM.gov. This identifier is assigned by SAM.gov and used in other IAE federal award systems (FPDS, FSRS, eSRS, and CPARS). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requires the Unique Entity ID to be used across federal systems, governmentwide, for federal award purposes.

You can view your Unique Entity ID

here: [https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd\\_sp?id=kb\\_article\\_view&sysparm\\_article=KB0041254](https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0041254). Need to request one? Go to SAM.gov and choose ‘Get Started’

here: [https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd\\_sp?id=kb\\_article\\_view&sysparm\\_article=KB0038643](https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0038643) .

On April 4, 2022, the federal government stopped using the DUNS Number as a unique identifier for entities and switched to a Unique Entity ID generated by SAM.gov. The new Unique Entity ID was assigned to all active and inactive registrations in SAM.gov prior to the switch. In addition, entities with DUNS Numbers but no SAM.gov registration have been able to get Unique Entity IDs without registering in SAM.gov since October 2021.

The DUNS Number is no longer used in SAM.gov, eSRS, FSRS, FPDS, CPARS, or FAPIIS.

**Q: What if I am having difficulty with my SAMs account?**

A: Issues with SAM.gov accounts, registration, or renewals are handled directly by the federal government. SAM.gov accounts are **NOT** managed by IDFPR, GATU, or AmpliFund. For assistance, please use the federal government’s official help resources to resolve login problems, account lockouts, and other system-related issues.

- SAM.gov Help Desk: <https://www.fsd.gov>
- FSD Customer Support: 866-606-8220 (available M–F, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET)
- Guide with Directions for Accessing SAM:  
<https://gata.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/gata/documents/resource-library/Directions%20for%20Accessing%20SAM.pdf>

**Q: What should I do if my Unique Entity ID (UEI) number is not requested as part of the process in AmpliFund?**

A: Visit the AmpliFund Zen Desk (<https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com/>) to learn more about the AmpliFund Grant Management System. You can also contact the Illinois AmpliFund Support Hotline at 1-844-407-3573

**Q: Can we apply for a grant to benefit multiple sites if they are associated with a single EIN?**

A: Yes. The application asks if the grant will be used to benefit one or multiple sites.

**Q: Are there additional details regarding the parameters for the use of funds?**

A: The proposed budget in the application lays out the parameters for which funding can be used in addition to the Cemetery Oversight Act’s parameters in 225 ILCS 411/25-75(c).

The fund shall be used solely for the purpose of providing grants to units of local government and not-for-profit organizations, including, but not limited to, not-for-profit cemetery authorities, to clean up cemeteries that have been abandoned, neglected, or are otherwise in need of additional care

**Q: Who do I contact if I have questions about the Grant Application?**

**A:** For questions, please contact [FPR.COAreliiefGeneralQuestions@Illinois.gov](mailto:FPR.COAreliiefGeneralQuestions@Illinois.gov).

**Q: How are “abandoned” and “permission” defined for purposes of this grant?**

**A:** Abandoned – Cemeteries in Illinois are considered abandoned when there have been no internments for 5 to 10 years and the cemetery has been exempt from property taxes during that period or when there is no cemetery authority to care for the land.

Permission – permission must be obtained from the landowner. If there is uncertainty about who owns the land, visit the recorder of deeds in the county courthouse where the cemetery is located.