The Cloudsplitter Foundation is dedicated to improving the environment, economies, and lives of the people of the Adirondacks through innovative and leveraged philanthropic programs.

GRANTS

Program/Project Support (includes events)

- Support for **specific projects or programs** with defined needs, budgets, and documentation.
- For asks above $5,000, considered **only during regular grant cycles** with annual deadlines of **Jan 1st, May 1st and Sept 1st**
- Organizations are permitted to request either a program/project OR an unrestricted application per cycle
- **Funding Suggested Guidelines:** 20% of total project cost or annual program cost
- Contact Grants Director: **Chenelle Palyswiat** (**chenelle@cloudsplitter.org)** for help or support
- **Requests over $50,000:**
  - Must contact Executive Director: **Daniel KieferBach** (dan@cloudsplitter.org**) before applying**.
  - Require **additional details** w/in grant application

Unrestricted Support

- Support for **general operating costs** (not tied to specific projects)
- Considered **only during regular grant cycles** with annual deadlines of **Jan 1st, May 1st and Sept 1st**
- Organizations are permitted to request either a program/project OR an unrestricted application per cycle
- Organizations are limited to one unrestricted request per calendar year and three years of unrestricted support, then asked to take a year off.
- **Funding Limit:** $10,000 per year
- Organizational mission must align with Cloudsplitter's Mission above
- Typically awarded to **established partner organizations**.
- Contact Grants Director: **Chenelle Palyswiat** (**chenelle@cloudsplitter.org)** for details.

Nonprofit Capacity Building Subsidies

The Foundation's goal for allocating this Capacity Building support is to help Adirondack region nonprofits gain critical skills including, e.g., fundraising, strategic planning, business planning and board support. This funding will help pay for consultant support, education, training, and other capacity building and expansion needs for local nonprofits.

- **Rolling basis** (no set deadlines)
- **Funding limit:** At or below $2,500
- Contact Grants Advisor: **Kara Page (kara@cloudsplitter.org)** for details

Other Flexible Requests

- Cloudsplitter may consider **creative or unique proposals** outside standard categories.
- Bridge Loan questions
- Contact Executive Director: **Daniel KieferBach** (**dan@cloudsplitter.org)** for details

PROGRAMS

Childcare Excellence Awards

- Eligible participants may be nominated for multiple $4,000 achievement awards as they move through the QUALITYstarsNY program
- Teaching and Leading Staff working in an early childhood education space (Home-Based or Center-Based, includes sole proprietorships)
- Teaching and Leading Staff engaged in full-time educational activities (25+ hours a week)
- Employer must be operating in Clinton, Essex, Franklin Counties, or in the Mohawk Nation at Akwesasne (in New York State)

- Employer must participate in QUALITYstarsNY program
- Employer must achieve qualifying stages within the QUALITYstarsNY program
- Contact Grants Director: **Ann Fraser (ann.fraser@qualitystarsny.cuny.edu)** or visit the Cloudsplitter website for details.

Canary: Powering emergency payments to employees in crisis

Nearly two out of three workers are living paycheck to paycheck — and that's before an emergency hits. Canary provides an innovative workplace solution to improve the 21st-century social safety net. A sudden crisis, like a car breakdown, a fire, a medical emergency, or the loss of housing, can turn even a stable life upside down. Timely support in those moments can shape how quickly someone recovers. Temporary setbacks can become lasting financial hardship that can make employees less engaged, focused, and productive. Cloudsplitter Foundation uses Canary to partner with employers to deliver emergency payments to their workforce. Contact Executive Director: **Daniel KieferBach** (**dan@cloudsplitter.org)** for details.

Grants Advisor program

Cloudsplitter Foundation offers a Grants Advisor program to support the grants work of nonprofits of the greater Adirondack region. The goals are to increase the amount of grant dollars coming to nonprofits, especially from outside the Blue Line, and to strengthen grants programs and nonprofits' appeal to donors via organizational capacity building. Since late 2019, the program has facilitated 1057 grant proposals valued at $64 million, resulting in more than $19 million in awards to 70 local organizations. Contact Grants Advisor: **Kara Page (kara@cloudsplitter.org)** for details.

Communications Advisor Program

Cloudsplitter Foundation offers pre-paid hours for a communications advisor for nonprofits of the greater Adirondack region. The goal is that nonprofits can work with this advisor, free of charge, to strengthen their communications capabilities. For more information contact **Beth Rowland (elizabeth.rowland105@gmail.com)** for details.

Strategic Issues

CF trustees and advisors are continually training themselves about other contemporary issues that may challenge the well-being of the Adirondack region and its inhabitants. For example, the Foundation partnered with the Adirondack Community Foundation and other local funders to leverage funds from the national Hearst Foundation and New York State, to support pre-development costs of building affordable housing across the region.

Committees within the board are researching issues including immigration, housing, civil society, and more, currently; they aim to learn how these challenges are impacting the region and identify ways the Foundation may support solutions. Contact Executive Director: **Daniel KieferBach** (**dan@cloudsplitter.org)** for details.

CONVENING

Funders For the Adirondacks

Funders for the Adirondacks (FFA) is a closed loop consortium of funders that have an interest in the Adirondacks convened a decade ago by the Adirondack Community Foundation and now supported by Cloudsplitter Foundation as well. This group coordinates impact through building community ties, regular gatherings with one another, jointly commissioned research, and decisive grantmaking. FFA also operates a listserv to help funders share information and help us to do our philanthropy more effectively.

Adirondack Nonprofit Network

The Adirondack Nonprofit Network's (ANN) members are committed to enhancing the quality and impact of their work – and the work of all nonprofit groups – to sustain and improve life in the Adirondacks. ANN was created through support of the Adirondack Community Foundation in response to the 2008 recession, when the immediate focus for the Network was how to survive and succeed in a challenging economy. Since then, the focus has grown to include program evaluation, financial management, advocacy, and meeting facilitation, to board governance, succession planning, engaging the next generation, and more. **Nonprofits are essential for building strong, vibrant, and equitable communities throughout the Adirondack region.** ANN members are committed to building skills and relationships to improve their effectiveness while purposefully overcoming a sense of isolation that can easily befall organizations across our sparsely populated region.