

2024 Featured Grantees FAQs for Members

- 1. Where can I find the list of 2024 Featured Grantees? When will the new grantees be announced? Our 2024 Featured Grantees have not yet been selected. The members of our volunteer Grants & Partnerships Committee are currently reviewing the applications that we received this fall. The committee's recommendations will go to Rise's Board of Directors for approval in late January, and we will announce the list of 2024 Featured Grantees in early February.
- 2. Why are you announcing the new Featured Grantees so late? Shouldn't they have been announced by now?

Yes ... typically, we would have announced our new grantees in October, however we needed to delay our grant selection process this year so that our staff and volunteers could plan and implement improvements to our Featured Grants process. This is a one-time exception for this year, and we will return to our normal timeline for our 2025 Featured Grantees.

3. If you are not announcing the new grantees until February, does this mean that we won't have a Featured Grantee for our January and February chapter meetings?

Because of this one-time delay, we will not have new Featured Grantees ready for your January and February chapter meetings. Since many of our members have been asking to learn more about our Transformation Partnerships, we are taking this opportunity to highlight our partners' important work. In January, we will feature our partnership with <u>Shared Interest</u>, and in February, we will feature <u>Equality Now</u>.

- 4. Does this mean that we will only be funding 10 Featured Grantees in 2024? No, we will still fund 12 Featured Grantees in 2024.
- 5. How will our January and February donations be used if we do not have Featured Grantees in these months?

This delayed timeline does not change anything in terms of how your donations will be used. **Donations are NOT designated to a specific purpose, i.e., to that month's grantee.** ALL donations – regardless of when they are made – go into the same "pot" or account that is used to cover all our grants (not just that month's Featured Grant), partnerships, member education and engagement opportunities, program and chapter support, and administrative expenses. And we will still fund 12 Featured Grantees in 2024.

6. We plan our chapter meetings around the Featured Grantee? What do we do about our January and February meetings?

You will still have learning materials to use at your January and February meetings; they will just be about two of our Transformation Partnerships, instead of a new Featured Grantee. Materials on Shared Interest and Equality Now will be similar to what you normally have for your chapter meetings, including a video, fact sheet, and PPT presentation. January materials will be on our website in mid-December, and February materials will be available in mid-January.