

Microsoft Technology for Social Impact (TSI) Azure Grant Update

Frequently Asked Questions for Nonprofit Partners

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Summary

Ten years after we launched the first Office 365 Nonprofit cloud grant for the nonprofit sector, Microsoft Philanthropies remains committed to doubling the number of nonprofits that we support with the Microsoft Cloud. To ensure that we're maximizing the number of nonprofits that we can support with granted technology, we're refreshing our grant strategy and updating our grant portfolio with these changes:

- **Effective October 1, 2023, our Azure grant is now USD2,000.** Customers will no longer be able to renew at the previous Azure grant level, and at the next grant renewal on or after October 1, 2023, they will be granted USD2,000 of Azure sponsorship credits annually so long as they remain eligible to receive such grants.

Azure Grant Update FAQs

Q: What happens if my Azure grant renews before October 1, 2023? After October 1, 2023?

Azure grant renewals before October 1, 2023, will be granted at the current USD\$3,500 sponsorship level. All grant renewals on or after October 1, 2023, will be granted at the updated USD\$2000 sponsorship level.

Q: Does this credit change to the Azure grant change any other aspects of the grant?

This update to the Azure grant only changes the total value of the Azure sponsorship credits provided and does not change any other aspects of the current granted Azure credits.

Q: Can this Azure grant be used for the new AI services that Microsoft is launching?

Yes, the Azure grant program can be used for a wide range of Azure AI (Artificial Intelligence) services that can be used by nonprofit organizations. These services include Azure Cognitive Services, Azure Machine Learning, and Azure Bot Service, among others. Eligible organizations can use the Azure grant to access and utilize these AI services.

Q: How does the Azure grant now compare to the grant options provided by Amazon Web Services?

The Azure for Nonprofits program has been adjusted based on the usage patterns of beneficiaries, which means eligible nonprofit organizations can receive up to USD\$2,000 worth of Azure services per year for free. There is no fee required to apply for the grant.

AWS offers a tiered approach based on the organization's annual operating budget. Currently, eligible organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$10 million can receive up to \$1,000 in AWS credits, while those with an annual operating budget between \$10 million and \$50 million can receive up to \$2,000 in credits. Organizations with an annual operating budget over \$50 million can receive up to \$5,000 in credits. An administrative fee up to USD\$475 applies to all tiers.