Wayne County COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Emergency Response Fund Grants

Initially established as a response the COVID-19 pandemic, the Emergency Response Fund enables the Foundation to respond quickly to the pressing needs of the community. The fund provides one-time emergency grants to nonprofit organizations that work to provide essential services (food, shelter, health care) to Wayne County, Ohio, citizens during times of crisis.

Application Guidelines for Grant Proposals

Accepted on an ongoing basis.

Charitable organizations helping Wayne County residents during urgent situations. We have made every effort to streamline the application process, with a goal of responding to requests **within 10 business days**.

Characteristics of Emergency Response Fund Grants

Eligible Organizations

By law, the Wayne County Community Foundation can only make grants to organizations recognized by the Internal Revenue Code as nonprofit, tax-exempt, charitable organizations (501(c)(3)s, public schools, and churches); or to qualified governmental agencies.

Size of Grants

The amount to award each year varies based on the available funds. Previous awards have ranged from $1,000 to $15,000. Proposals that demonstrate the most effective use of funds in the context of their programs have the greatest chance for success.

Duration of Grants

Grants are valid for a period of up to one year, with the expectation that the full amount of the grant will be used within that time.

Geographic Range of Grants

Grants must benefit Wayne County, Ohio residents.

Leadership and Fiscal Accountability

Grantee organizations must have the leadership capacity, financial stability, and appropriate procedures in place for fiscal and organizational accountability.

In order to make the best use of available funds, the Foundation looks for one or more of the following when reviewing proposal requests:

- The project is a well-planned approach to solving a problem and delivering services.
- The use of funds will be efficient and effective.
- Foundation support is vital or catalytic to the success of the project.
- The proposed project is expected to continue after the grant ends.
- Expenses will be reduced by sharing resources with other agencies or groups.

The Foundation normally does NOT approve grants to support:

- Deficit financing;
- Endowment funds;
- Annual appeals or membership contributions;
- Conferences, field trips, travel or recognition events;
- The Foundation does not support religious organizations for religious purposes. However, WCCF does support non-religious programs like hunger centers, job training or childcare.
- No scholarships may be granted from this fund.

Grants are limited to activities and organizations benefiting the greater Wayne County, Ohio area. Grants may not be used to carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office, or to conduct, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive (within the meaning of Section 4945(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code).

The Foundation makes grants only to organizations that are recognized by the Internal Revenue Code as nonprofit, tax-exempt, charitable organizations, educational institutions, or to qualified governmental agencies. The Foundation does not make grants to individuals except through scholarship funds.

Online Grant Proposal Application

All grant applications are completed online through our **Online Grant Portal**.

Answer the questions as completely, yet briefly, as possible. Clearly state the goal of the project for which you are requesting funds and describe how the funds would serve youth in Wayne County, Ohio.

If you are working with other organizations, foundations or businesses please identify them and describe the intended working relationship with each in the appropriate section of the application. You may also attach letters of support.

Grant Proposal Application Deadline

The grant application is available on an ongoing basis.

I still have questions!

We aim to keep our website up to date with the most recent information. If you still have questions, please contact us at grants@wccfoh.org and we will be happy to assist!