Wayne County Children's Resource Fund Grants

The Wayne County Children's Resource Fund was established to help remove barriers which may impede children's ability to lead meaningful and productive lives. These barriers may include poverty, drug use, bullying, discrimination, learning disabilities, low self-confidence, or a challenging home life. Grants may be made to nonprofit organizations for programs or capital projects that impact these issues. The Wayne County Children's Resource Fund is a component fund of the Wayne County Community Foundation (WCCF) and shall adhere to all WCCF policies.

Application Guidelines for Grant Proposals

Submission Deadline: September 1

Charitable organizations serving children of Wayne County, Ohio are invited to apply for grants from the Wayne County Children's Resource Fund by September 1st of each year for projects requiring funding after December 1st of each year.

Characteristics of Children's Resource 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. **The Foundation strongly encourages collaborations between and among organizations working to achieve a common goal.** In such collaborations, one organization must be identified as the grantee applicant.

Size of Grants

The amount to award each year varies based on the Foundation's spending policy for permanently endowed funds. Previous awards have ranged from $2,000 to $10,000. 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 youth in Wayne County, Ohio.

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 from the Children's Resource Fund 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. More specifically, grants from the Fund shall be limited to only organizations that benefit youth activities within 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.

NOTE: If you are seeking a grant for a group or agency that is not a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, charitable organization, educational institution, or qualified governmental agency (i.e. booster club, youth group, parent/teacher organization), your group must be affiliated with one of these types of primary organizations to be eligible to apply. When completing the online application, the organization contact information and EIN/Tax ID number applies to the primary organization. Awarded grants will be given to the primary organization for the benefit of your affiliated group.

Organizations receiving grants are required to submit a report to the Foundation **within one year** of receipt of the grant.

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 deadline is September 1st for a decision before December 1st.

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!