

Guidelines for Grantseekers

The Foundation Office At



Administers the following Foundations which support the
Greater Cincinnati area:

Charles Moerlein Foundation
Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund
Eleanora C.U. Alms Trust
Helen G., Henry F., & Louise Tuechter Dornette Foundation
Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts
Ohio Valley Foundation
Stillson Foundation

The Foundation Office
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Grant Inquiry Process

Our goal is to make the grantmaking process as smooth and easy as possible. Nonprofit organizations designated under Section 501(c)(3) subsections 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) by the Internal Revenue Service which operate in the Greater Cincinnati area are eligible to apply for a grant.

The Grantmaking Process

To inquire about a grant, please follow these steps:

1. An organization interested in submitting a grant proposal should submit a letter of inquiry using the following link:
https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_827?SA=SNA&FID=35032. You will be asked to outline your top three funding priorities.
2. After reviewing the letter of inquiry, The Foundation Office may contact your organization about further discussion of the proposal, which may include a site visit meeting. If selected, an invitation to apply online will be extended via email which will include the funding source, amount to apply for, and a deadline for receipt of the application.

Grant Review Timeline

Grantseekers should allow a minimum of 6-12 months for the grantmaking process.

Grant Terms & Evaluation

Nonprofits may apply only once within any 12 month period.

In general, we prefer awarding grants for one year.

In selected instances, The Foundation Office will accept requests for multi-year grants up to a maximum of three years. An applicant seeking multi-year support must meet these conditions:

1. Demonstrate that multi-year support is essential for program success.
2. Demonstrate that the effort will produce specific, measurable outcomes within the agreed-upon time period.

The Foundation Office considers grant evaluation to be an important element of each grant it makes. All grantees are required to submit a written grant evaluation one year after payment is received.

Limitations

Grant decisions are subject to the following administrative policies which are intended to maximize the distribution of available resources to deserving nonprofit organizations.

- ☒ Individuals are not eligible for grants.
- ☒ Individual churches are not eligible, except for proposals regarding an affiliated school.
- ☒ Publicly supported entities such as public schools, government or government agencies are not eligible.
- ☒ Elementary and middle schools are generally not eligible.
- ☒ Supporting organizations designated 509(a)(3) by the IRS are not eligible for funding.
- ☒ Walks/runs to support a specific cause.
- ☒ Athletic booster or Band booster clubs.
- ☒ Start-up funding for new programs or organizations is usually not a funding priority.
- ☒ Grantseekers planning major campaign requests should, well in advance of the campaign, discuss fund-raising objectives and potential requests with The Foundation Office. Finite resources usually preclude the ability of The Foundation Office to contribute simultaneously to both major campaign and programming requests.
- ☒ A waiting period of three years is required for prior grant recipients receiving \$10,000 or more from any funding source administered by The Foundation Office. This period will begin as of the first payment on the grant.

Foundations Administered by The Foundation Office

The respective Committees review all grant requests for the following trusts and foundations for which Fifth Third Bank serves as trustee or agent. Grants for programming in education, the arts, community development, and health and human services in the **Greater Cincinnati area** are considered, in addition to the specific funding interests originally identified by each of the individual benefactors.

Foundation	Purpose
Charles Moerlein Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee	Supports religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes.
Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee	Supports initiatives that empower and assist women and girls in achieving self-sufficiency.
Eleanora C.U. Alms Trust, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee	Supports charitable and educational purposes for the City of Cincinnati, with a focus on the arts.
Helen G., Henry F., & Louise Tuechter Dornette Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee	Supports nature and the conservation of nature's beauty, as well as organizations that are beneficial to children, with a preference to organizations that Miss Dornette identified during her lifetime.
Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee	Supports charitable or educational purposes; for relief in sickness, suffering and distress; for the care of young children, the aged or the helpless or afflicted; for the promotion of education, and to improve living conditions.
Ohio Valley Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Agent	Funds small equipment and capital improvement projects in the Ohio Valley.
Stillson Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee	Helps children, and provides assistance to those charities the Stillsons supported during their lifetime.