



The Community Foundation is an inclusive, innovative organization where everyone is invited to collaborate for a sustainable future. Rooted in purpose, we're strengthening our community by leveraging the power of collective action and decades of trusted expertise. With a legacy of impact, we're boldly leading the way, creating lasting change in our region with fresh ideas, fearless energy and a forward-thinking mindset.

Andersons Fund Supporting Organization

The Andersons Fund Supporting Organization (the Fund) has been created to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in our region. The Fund serves northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan with a particular emphasis on the greater Toledo area. Grants support organizations with programs in the areas of education, social services, physical & mental health, neighborhood & urban affairs, natural resources and the arts.

Eligibility

- Grants are awarded only to nonprofit, charitable organizations which have been designated as having tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code.
- Requests must be related to capital projects.
- The minimum request amount is \$20,000.

Priority consideration will be given to requests that include committed funding from other sources, reflecting shared investment in the project.

NOTE: When considering capital requests, the Fund's Board is not just interested in the physical facilities or the specific piece of equipment. Simply stated, buildings house programs and equipment can help advance a mission. Therefore, even though the Fund's priority is capital projects, the Board will take a look at the programs provided by the requesting organization, its financial stability and other key operational issues.

The following types of requests will not be considered by the Fund:

- Annual, ongoing operating[1] or program costs.
- Capital improvement/renovation expenses for houses of worship, churches, temples, mosques or synagogues.
- Construction/renovations of athletic/sports fields, playgrounds or purchase of outdoor play structures.
- Endowment campaigns.
- Information technology related expenses and telecommunication systems.
- New, untested programs.
- Purchase or lease property, land, buildings or other structures.
- Sectarian activities of religious organizations.
- Support for schools or institutions of higher learning.

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[1] It is recognized that annual operating support is a significant need. However, the Fund does not have sufficient resources available to consider annual operating requests from all nonprofits in the community. Therefore, the Fund will generally limit its support of annual operating costs to providing grants to the United Way of Greater Toledo. In this way, the Fund can support – through one grant - the general operating needs of a large group of nonprofits without depleting all of its available resources.



Grant Application Process

The annual deadline for proposals is May 15 by 11:59pm. Proposals must be submitted through the Foundation's online application process. Completed grant applications are carefully reviewed by The Fund's professional staff and Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees meets approximately 90 days subsequent to each deadline date to make funding decisions. Applicant organizations are notified, in writing, of approval/denial of funding requests within one week after the Board of Trustees takes action. Expenses incurred by an applicant organization prior to award notification cannot be covered by The Fund.

Contents of a Proposal

The proposal should be in narrative form and must briefly address the following information:

- State the goals and objectives of the project. Identify the problems or needs that will be addressed. Identify the population that will benefit from this project or program.
- Summarize the plans and timeframe for implementation of this project. Identify the individual(s) who will be responsible for overseeing the project or program and briefly describe their qualifications.
- State the criteria and procedure that will be used to evaluate the success of the proposed program. Relate this evaluation to the stated goals and objectives.
- Identify plans for securing ongoing operational support for this project once Foundation funds are expended. Include anticipated future financial needs of the program, potential sources of funding, etc.
- Include all sources of income (both solicited and received) for the proposed project. Delineate line item expenses that clearly detail the total project cost and how proposed grant funds would be used.

Required attachments include:

- Board List - The names and affiliations of the organization's Board of Trustees.
- IRS Letter - A copy of the organization's tax exemption letter from the IRS.
- Background - Brief background and history of the organization, including when and how the organization was established, its mission or purpose, accomplishments to date and a listing of all current programs and services.
- Financial Statements
 - Option 1 – If the organization has had an audit prepared within 18 months of the application submission, please provide the full audit. An organization's IRS Form 990 will not be accepted in place of the required financial statements; or
 - Option 2 – If audited financial statements for this timeframe are not available, provide the unaudited income & expense statement (P&L) and balance sheet for the organization's most recent fiscal year-end. An organization's IRS Form 990 will not be accepted in place of the required financial statements. Only statements reporting information prepared within 18 months of the application submission will be accepted.
- Operating Budget - A board-approved operating budget for the current fiscal year of the organization.

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