



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.

Arts and Culture Fund

Grant Guidelines

The Foundation seeks applications for place-based public arts installations, murals or performances as a means to strengthen connections between residents and neighborhoods, helping to create a network of vibrant cultural hubs. In alignment with the previously developed [Toledo Strategic Plan for Arts & Culture](#), projects that include engagement with neighborhood groups and individual residents will be prioritized, as will projects that honor local history and promote civic engagement and pride.

Details:

- Collaborative proposals that include multiple nonprofits of varying sizes and focus areas are encouraged.
- Applicant organizations should have a demonstrated track record of completing public art projects or performances.
- To allow for time to coordinate resident participation, applicants can request a project period up to two years.
- Requests that serve city of Toledo neighborhoods will be prioritized.
- Applicants may include up to 20% indirect costs.
- The maximum request amount per proposal is \$100,000.
- Funds are limited and should not be depended upon as an annual source of support. Proposals will only be considered from nonprofit, charitable organizations which have been designated as having tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code.
- Applications that focus on the following goals and include an evaluation to determine their impact will be prioritized:
 - Increase engagement between neighborhood groups/residents and arts & culture organizations in the planning and execution of place-based public art projects
 - Boost civic engagement and pride in identified neighborhoods
 - Encourage collaboration among arts organizations and other nonprofit partners

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Grant Application Process

The deadline for proposals is October 24 by 11:59pm. Proposals must be submitted through the Foundation's online application process. Completed grant applications are carefully reviewed by the Foundation's professional staff and Board of Trustees. Applicant organizations will be notified of the status of their request by the end of the calendar year. Expenses incurred by an applicant organization prior to award notification cannot be covered by Foundation funds.

Contents of a Proposal

The following describes broad content areas of the application. View the online proposal for a full listing of questions.

1. Project Goals and Objectives - State the goals and objectives of the project. Identify the population that will benefit.
2. Implementation - Summarize the plans and timeframe for implementation of this project. Identify the individual(s) who will be responsible for overseeing the project and briefly describe their qualifications. Clearly explain how residents and other place-based stakeholders will be engaged.
3. Evaluation - State the criteria and procedure that will be used to evaluate the success of the proposed project. How will the project measure engagement with neighborhood groups and residents and increased civic pride? Relate the evaluation to the stated goals and objectives.
4. Future Support - Identify plans for securing ongoing support for the project once Foundation funds are expended. Include anticipated future financial needs of the project, potential sources of funding, etc.
5. Project Budget – 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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