Greater Toledo Community Foundation

Oct. 15, 11:59 p.m.
deadline for proposals

Available for projects up to two years

$50,000 minimum request amount

Healthy Aging Fund
Grant Guidelines

The Community Foundation is funding programs that help older adults (60+) stay **healthy, connected and independent.**

This initiative follows the Ohio Department of Aging's State Plan, shaped with input from the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio. Priorities of the plan include cognitive health, chronic disease reduction, mental health, social inclusion, and nutrition access, plus engagement opportunities, physical activity, and preventive screenings. The plan is built on research and input from content-area experts.

The Foundation's Focus: The Healthy Aging Fund is seeking proposals aligned with the State Plan and the Community Foundation's place-based priorities: programs that promote physical and mental health, reduce social isolation and strengthen community connections for older adults.

The Community Foundation seeks to identify collaborative approaches that work well enough to scale. This is a chance for northwest Ohio providers to test new approaches and collaborations: the kind with real potential to increase impact for participants and move the needle on broader community goals.

What a strong proposal shows:

- How more seniors are able to participate in more diverse programming by improving access and breaking barriers
- Cross-agency partnerships that drive success

Funding Priorities:

- Multiple partners with complementary expertise, prioritizing diversity of resources across agencies
- Programs delivered through or including senior centers, community centers or long-term care facilities
- Diverse programming that reaches more participants
- Accommodations for specific needs — memory care, vision loss, etc.
- An educational component

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What goes into a proposal:

The application asks for five core content areas, plus a set of required attachments.
(This is a summary: the online application has the full list of questions.)

- Goals & population — State the project's goals and objectives, and identify who benefits.
- Plan & timeline — Summarize implementation plans and timeframe. Name who's overseeing the project and their qualifications.
- Evaluation — Explain the criteria and process for measuring success, tied directly back to the stated goals and objectives. Grant funds can be used to cover the cost of a project evaluation, including hiring an independent consultant to complete this work.
- Sustainability — Lay out the plan for ongoing support once grant funds run out, including future financial needs and potential funding sources.
- Budget — List all income sources (solicited and received) and a line-item expense breakdown showing total project cost and how grant funds would be used.

Required attachments:

- Board list — Names and affiliations of Board of Trustees members
- IRS letter — Copy of the tax-exemption letter
- Org background — Brief history: when/how founded, mission, accomplishments, current programs and services
- Financial statements — Two paths, take one:
  - Full audit, if completed within the last 18 months
  - Unaudited P&L and balance sheet for the most recent fiscal year-end, if no audit is available
  - Either way: Form 990 doesn't count as a substitute
- Operating budget — Board-approved, for the current fiscal year

Financial statements only count if they're from within 18 months of submission: older documents won't be accepted.

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