



Together We Thrive: Del Mar Grants for Older Adults

FY2026 Request for Proposals

Due Dates: Friday, November 7, 2025, and Friday, April 10, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.

Together We Thrive: Del Mar Grants for Older Adults, offered by The Dayton Foundation, are awarded to 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that focus on addressing the needs of older adults in Greater Dayton. The organizations we consider for support are located primarily in Montgomery, Miami, Greene and Preble counties. The size and number of grant awards are directly related to the amount of money available. Decisions will be made at the discretion of The Dayton Foundation's Grants Committee, based upon the assessment of any criteria it finds to be relevant.

To be eligible for a grant, your organization must:

- be recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization, according to the Internal Revenue Code;
- be established for at least two years as a nonprofit organization and have a track record of sustainability;
- provide direct assistance to older adults in the Dayton Region;
- demonstrate systemic collaboration with other human needs service providers; and
- demonstrate a commitment to creating opportunities and access for all individuals in organizational practices.

What We Look for in a Project

- Comprehensive program design
- Realistic expectations and the capacity to implement the project
- Appropriately trained staff and/or volunteers
- Financial resources to start and continue the project
- Unique and unduplicated opportunity that will affect a substantial number of people
- Size and potential impact

What We Generally Do Not Fund

- Private foundations
- Projects that are narrowly focused in geography, impact and number of participants
- Individuals
- Annual fundraising drives, ceremonies, conferences and workshops
- Public or private schools
- Endowment funds

- Scientific, medical or academic research projects
- Sectarian activities of religious organizations
- Scholarships and travel grants
- Cultural arts productions
- Economic development projects
- Hospitals and universities
- Publications, including books, reports and/or research papers

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Together We Thrive: Del Mar Grants for Older Adults are quick grants for local, nonprofit organizations that address the needs of older adults in Greater Dayton. The grants assist time-sensitive programming and projects.

- Grants are designed to fund qualified grant requests from \$5,000 up to \$20,000.
- The size and number of grant awards are directly related to the amount of money available each year.
- Organizations with open Thrive Grants are not eligible to apply for a new grant until the final report has been submitted and the grant has been closed. In addition, if an organization’s final report is past due and no attempt has been made by the organization to extend the final report deadline, the organization will become ineligible to apply for a grant from the Foundation for a period of two years after the report has been submitted.

FY2026 Application Deadlines

All Thrive Grants applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on the deadline date.

Cycle	Application Deadline	Funding Decision
1st Cycle	November 7, 2025, by 4:00 p.m.	December 8, 2025
2nd Cycle	April 10, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.	May 11, 2026

How to Apply for a Grant and Proposal Outline

Use the RFP Form (page 5) and the following outline to present your proposal. Make sure to answer all of the questions completely, but limit the narrative (numbers 2-3) to no more than three pages. *For the RFP Form and Signature page, use the forms provided. Do not include these introductory pages (1-4).*

1. RFP Form (page 5)
2. Project/Program questions
 - a. Please briefly summarize your proposal including the following information:
 - i. an overview of your request;
 - ii. how it will work/how the need will be addressed;
 - iii. who it will serve;
 - iv. who is involved in your project (partnerships and collaborations);
 - v. how exactly will the requested funds be spent; and
 - vi. a timetable for implementation of the project.
3. Overview of your organization, including the mission/purpose.
4. Funding and support (sample provided, page 6)
 - a. An itemized project budget with revenue indicating if funding has been secured, is pending or potential and expenses
 - b. Financial sustainability: If this program/project will be ongoing, outline your plan to secure future funding. Use an additional page, if needed.
5. Attachments:
 - a. A copy of your organization's most recently completed audit, including auditor's notes (If the organization does not have an audit, please submit the [Del Mar Audit Exemption Form.](#))
 - b. A balance sheet covering your organization's most recently completed fiscal year
 - c. An income statement covering your organization's most recently completed fiscal year
6. Signature page (form provided, page 7)

Submitting Your Proposal

Your entire proposal and attachments with signature of the executive director/ CEO and board president, should be emailed to Leigh Sempeles, executive fellow, at lsempeles@daytonfoundation.org by the deadline date. Incomplete or late proposals will not be reviewed. The Dayton Foundation's staff is NOT authorized to extend the proposal deadline.

If you have questions or would like to discuss your project ideas, please contact Leigh Sempeles at lsempeles@daytonfoundation.org.

Together We Thrive: Del Mar Grants for Older Adults RFP Form

General Information (All fields are required.)

Organization Name

Mailing Address (Street, City, County, State, Zip)

Organization Phone

Federal Tax ID#

Executive Director CEO President's Name Executive Director/CEO/President's Email

Website Address

Organization's Current Annual Budget

Project/Program Title

Program/Project Budget

Name of Contact for Application

Title of Contact

Contact Phone

Contact Email

Purpose of Proposal (State the purpose of your proposal/request in no more than two sentences.)

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Organization Name: _____

4. Project/Program Request Budget (Sample Only)

The following is provided only as a sample template and is not required to be submitted in this format. Please list below the funds that have been received, are pending, or have been designated to conduct the proposed program or project. *This is not your overall budget.* Identify the expenses that will be made in support of the program/project. **Do not include Thrive Grants.**

Thrive Grants Program/Project Budget

Organization Name: _____		
Revenue	Are these funds received or pending?	Amount
General operating budget designation		
Corporate and foundation grants		
Government grants and contracts		
Contributions and other gifts		
United Way		
Program service fees		
Special events, fundraisers		
Other revenue (please list):		
Total Revenue		
Expenses		
Total Expenses		
Revenue Less Expenses		

Financial Sustainability: If this program/project will be ongoing, outline your plan to secure future funding. Use an additional page, if needed.

Together We Thrive: Del Mar Grants for Older Adults Signature Page

This page, with original signatures (electronic signatures are acceptable), must be submitted with your complete proposal by **4:00 p.m., November 7, 2025, or April 10, 2026.**

Acknowledgment of The Dayton Foundation's Policies

The executive director/CEO and board chair have reviewed this proposal and understand and acknowledge that:

- the organization is eligible for funding;
- this proposal is complete according to the Proposal Outline (RFP, Page 3);
- The Dayton Foundation reserves the right to review the proposal with community planning agencies, resource people, and/or other funding sources. This can occur when we think that their input would be helpful in assessing the proposal and its potential significance;
- The Dayton Foundation will notify organizations in writing of its decision;
- a final project/program and financial report are required upon completion of the proposed project/program. Failure to do so will make your organization ineligible for future grants from The Dayton Foundation, until two years after the omission is remedied;
- the organization has clearly and completely described its mission, programs, populations served and strategy on this form; and
- organizations that are declined may submit another proposal during the next Request for Proposal cycle. Organizations whose proposals are accepted are eligible to submit subsequent proposals after a final report has been submitted and approved.

**Executive Director/CEO/or Other Authorized
Organization Representative**

Date

Board Chair or Other Board Representative

Date