



The Dayton  
Foundation  
*We help you help others.*

Basic Human Needs Grants  
for  
Nonprofit Organizations in Greater Dayton

Grant Information  
2021

The Dayton Foundation awards Basic Human Needs Grants to help your organization help people in need of basic necessities in Greater Dayton. Grants are awarded to 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations – that focus on basic human needs such as food, shelter, healthcare, and clothing. The organizations we consider for support are located primarily in Montgomery, Miami (south), Greene, Preble and Warren (north) counties. Grantmaking policy and specific grant decisions are made by the Governing Board following review by program staff and the Grants Committee. The size and number of grant awards are directly related to the amount of money available each year and restrictions placed upon the use of the fund. The Grants Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to the grant application process.

### **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 (established for at least two years and have a track record of sustainability) or have a fiscal agent with such status;
- provide direct assistance to those in need of basic physiological needs such as food, shelter, healthcare, clothing, etc.;
- benefit citizens who are homeless, poor, or hungry in the Dayton Region;
- have a diversity/inclusion policy (Please note, in most cases, this is different from the non-discrimination policy. To review The Dayton Foundation’s diversity policy, please visit <https://www.daytonfoundation.org/diversitypolicy.html>); and
- demonstrate systemic collaboration with other human needs service providers.

### **What We Look for in a Project**

- comprehensive program design that addresses unmet basic human needs;
- project/program design that will decrease disparities and/or advance equitable outcomes for historically marginalized or disinvested populations;
- realistic expectations and the organizational capacity to execute the project;
- financial resources to continue the program/services;
- appropriately trained staff and/or volunteers;
- affect a substantial number of people; and
- size and potential impact of the project.

### **What We Generally Do Not Fund**

- organizations **supported largely through government funding\*\*\***
- private foundations
- arts organizations and museums
- projects that are narrowly focused in geography, impact and number of participants
- individuals
- scientific, medical or academic research projects
- sectarian activities of religious organizations
- scholarships and travel grants
- annual fundraising drives, ceremonies, conferences, and workshops
- public or private schools
- endowment funds
- cultural arts productions
- economic development projects
- hospitals and universities
- publications, including books, reports, research papers

## **What We Generally Fund**

The Basic Human Needs Grants support nonprofit organizations that focus on the following, but not limited to:

- food
- clothing
- housing and/or rental assistance
- utilities assistance
- transportation assistance
- medical and/or prescription assistance
- domestic violence support
- basic toiletries and hygiene products
- basic educational assistance (for example, GED)

The Basic Human Needs Grants also support nonprofit organizations that need funding for:

- appliances or equipment (necessary to provide direct services for your clients)
- facility or infrastructure improvements
- general operating expenses (under special, extraordinary, and emergency situations, and when an unforeseen issue arises, organizations can apply for general operating support. However, any organization receiving general operating support through Basic Human Needs Grants must wait a year to apply for another grant after the current-grant is closed).

## Basic Human Needs Grants

Basic Human Needs Grants are quick grants for local, nonprofit organizations that provide direct basic human needs assistance to Greater Dayton region's most in need. They assist time-sensitive projects that make a significant difference in the outcome of a project.

- Basic Human Needs Grants are designed to fund qualified grant requests up to \$10,000.
- The size and number of grant awards are directly related to the amount of money available each year.

## 2021 Application Deadline and Funding Decision

Application Deadline	Funding Decision
August 13, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.	Week of August 30, 2021
November 12, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.	Week of November 29, 2021

## How to Apply for a Grant and Application Guidelines

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- Organizations that are largely supported through government funding, please contact Tania Arseculeratne, Community Engagement Officer, at 937-225-9966 or via email at [tarseculeratne@daytonfoundation.org](mailto:tarseculeratne@daytonfoundation.org) to make sure your organization is eligible to apply for a grant.
- Basic Human Needs Grants application and specific directions can be found on The Dayton Foundation's website at <https://www.daytonfoundation.org/grntfdns.html>.
  - We have added a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Form as a required document to our Basic Human Needs Grants application process. A fillable Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Form can be found on The Dayton Foundation's website at <https://www.daytonfoundation.org/grntfdns.html>.
- Organizations can apply to receive funding from Discretionary or Greenlight Grants while having an open Basic Human Needs Grant or vice-versa.

## Final Report

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A final report will be **due 30 days** after the project is complete. Information included in the final report may be shared through The Dayton Foundation's social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.) or publications to generate awareness in our community about the organization and the project. 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 for a period of two years after report is submitted**.

The final report should include:

### 1) Grant Narrative

- A brief description of the project and the purpose of this grant
- Completed activities and number of persons affected
- Intended goals and evidence of achievement
- What worked? What did not work? What would you do differently?
- Three quotes explaining how the grant helped move your project forward and the impact it had on the organization and/or community. Quotes can be from clients, volunteers, staff, board members, etc.

### 2) Financial Statement

- Total actual income and expenses during the grant period as compared to the original project budget. This financial report should include a line item budget to delineate the use of Basic Human Needs Grant funds as related to project expenses.

## Other Information

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Any organization **receiving general operating** support through Basic Human Needs Grants **must wait a year to apply for another grant after the current-grant is closed**.

Organizations with an **open Basic Human Needs Grant** are **not eligible to apply for a new grant until the final report has been submitted and the grant has been closed**.