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Basic Human Needs Grants Information

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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;
- demonstrate systemic collaboration with other human needs service providers; and
- demonstrate commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in organizational strategic plans, policies or other documents such as an equity statement.

For more information, please review self-assessment by [Standards for Excellence Institution](#) to see how to advance diversity, equity and inclusion internally and externally. Please note, in most cases, equity statement, policy or commitment is different from the employee non-discrimination policy. To review The Dayton Foundation's diversity, equity and inclusion policy, please visit <https://www.daytonfoundation.org/diversitypolicy.html>.

When evaluating projects for funding, we consider the following factors.

- Comprehensive program design that addresses unmet basic human needs
- 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 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 and/or research papers

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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 two years 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 \$15,000.
- The size and number of grant awards are directly related to the amount of money available each year.
- Please see the grant application for specific application information.

2023 Application Deadlines

All Basic Human Needs Grant applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on the deadline date.

Cycle	Application Deadline	Funding Decision
1 st Cycle	February 10, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.	Week of February 27
2 nd Cycle	May 12, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.	Week of May 29
3 rd Cycle	August 11, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.	Week of August 28
4 th Cycle	November 10, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.	Week of November 27

How to Apply for a Grant and Application Guidelines

- Organizations that are largely supported through government funding, please contact Tania Arseculeratne, Community Engagement Officer, at TArseculeratne@daytonfoundation.org or (937) 225-9966 to make sure your organization is eligible to apply for a grant.
- The application and specific directions, including a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion form, can be found on The Dayton Foundation's website at <https://www.daytonfoundation.org/grntfdns.html>.
- 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.
- Organizations can apply to receive funding from Discretionary or Greenlight Grants while having an open Basic Human Needs Grant or vice-versa.

Final Report

A final report will be due 30 days after the project is complete. The information 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 your organization and the project. The final report should include the following.

- An explanation in 250 words or less how the grant helped you help others
- Three quotes or one to two success stories explaining how the grant helped move your project forward and the impact it had on the organization and/or community
- Include the 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 Foundation funds as related to project expenses.)
- An explanation of any specific organizational changes made internally and/or externally to advance diversity, equity and inclusion since submitting your application

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 (including discretionary and Greenlight Grants) for a period of two years after the report has been submitted.

Other Information

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