



The Dayton
Foundation
We help you help others.

Grant Programs for Nonprofit Organizations

Greenlight Grants Information
2021

The Dayton Foundation awards grants to help your organization help others in Greater Dayton. Grants for public charitable purposes are awarded to a full spectrum of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations - from social services and the arts, to health and the environment - based upon worthy community efforts and the greatest community need. The programs we consider for support are located primarily in Montgomery, Miami, Greene, Darke, 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 the restrictions donors have placed upon the uses of certain funds. The Grants Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to the grant application process.

Grants Orientation

To learn more about the grant process, grant orientations are offered in November and June. Please visit www.daytonfoundation.org/orienreg.html to register for an upcoming orientation. Attending a grants orientation is not required to apply for a grant but is encouraged.

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;
- benefit citizens 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>);
- address needs that are not met fully by existing organizational or community resources; and
- demonstrate systemic collaboration.

What We Look for in a Project

- project/program design that will decrease disparities and/or advance equitable outcomes for historically marginalized or disinvested populations;
- 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; and
- size and potential impact of the project.

What We Generally Do Not Fund

- general organizational operations and ongoing programs
- projects that are narrowly focused in geography, impact and number of participants
- individuals
- scientific, medical or academic research projects
- operational deficits or reduced or lost funding
- sectarian activities of religious organizations
- scholarships and travel grants
- annual fundraising drives, ceremonies, conferences, workshops, special or one-time events
- public or private schools
- endowment funds
- art exhibits
- cultural arts productions, with the exception of funding costs associated with creating original works
- economic development projects
- hospitals and universities for internal programs
- matching grants (unless local dollars are needed to fulfill a condition for a state or federal grant)
- multi-year or large-dollar requests (unless they are Grants Committee and Governing Board initiatives)
- publications, including books, reports, research papers

What We Generally Fund

Capacity-Building Grants

<p>To provide for more efficient use of community resources, promote coordination, cooperation and sharing among organizations and reduce the duplication of services in our community.</p> <p>To strengthen not-for-profit agencies and institutions by reducing operating costs, increasing public financial support and/or improving internal management.</p> <p>To help build organizational capacity so that the charity can work more efficiently and effectively and raise more dollars.</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • technical support to explore significant collaborations or mergers with other not-for-profit organizations • community needs assessment • impact study • strategic marketing study • software for fund development and management programs (online giving; customer relationship management) • organizational capacity building (fund development; financial management; long-range strategic planning; Board development; leadership development; succession planning; staff training; volunteer management; evaluation planning; measuring outcomes and impact; etc.)
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Capital Campaign or Capital Improvement Grants

<p>To help an organization expand services and capacity.</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • capital campaign projects, including the purchase of real estate, construction, renovation and furnishings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PLEASE NOTE: A feasibility study for the capital campaign must have been completed for a nonprofit organization to be eligible to receive a discretionary grant. • hard goods, such as special equipment, a walk-in cooler or a bus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PLEASE NOTE: There is a special van/bus policy that must be reviewed by the applicant. The policy can be found at www.daytonfoundation.org/ltrintent.html OR at https://www.daytonfoundation.org/how2app.html • office relocation expenses • technology upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PLEASE NOTE: Discretionary grants DO NOT fund computer hardware, such as desktop computers or printers.
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Special Projects or Program Expansion Grants

<p>To fund new projects or initiatives, provide seed funding for strategic growth or an expansion of an existing project or initiative to help an organization test or demonstrate new approaches and techniques for solving important community problems.</p> <p>To help established organizations launch new projects for special purposes, representing a unique and unduplicated opportunity and meeting a significant community need.</p> <p>To promote volunteer participation and citizen involvement in community affairs.</p>	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• opening of additional adult literacy education sites• new after school reading program for children and parents• strategic growth plan and implementation• urban redevelopment of community garden and education garden• new nature preschool programming• creation of health education and services for at-risk populations
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Greenlight Grants

Greenlight Grants are small, quick grants for local, nonprofit organizations in need of funding for projects, program expansions, capital improvements or capacity building. They assist time-sensitive projects that make a significant difference in the outcome of a project. Greenlight Grants are not for ongoing operations.

- Greenlight Grants are designed to fund qualified grant requests from \$500 - \$7,500. This is a competitive grant.
- The size and number of grant awards are directly related to the amount of money available each year and the restrictions donors have placed upon the uses of certain funds.
- Please see the grant application for specific application information.

2021 Application Deadlines

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

Cycle	Application Deadline	Funding Decision
1 st Cycle- CANCELLED	March 1, 2021	Week of March 15 th
2 nd Cycle- CANCELLED	June 1, 2021	Week of June 14 th
3 rd Cycle	September 1, 2021	Week of September 13 th
4 th Cycle	December 1, 2021	Week of December 13 th

How to Apply for a Grant and Application Guidelines

- Applications and specific directions can be found on The Dayton Foundation's website at <http://www.daytonfoundation.org/greenlightgrnts.html>.
 - We have added a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Form as a required document to our Greenlight Grants application process. A fillable Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Form can be found on The Dayton Foundation's website at <http://www.daytonfoundation.org/greenlightgrnts.html>.
- Organizations with an open Greenlight Grant or open Dayton Foundation discretionary grant are not eligible to apply for a new grant until the final report has been submitted and the grant has been closed.
- If a Greenlight Grant is denied, the organization may not apply for the same project again.

Final Report

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** (including Discretionary and Greenlight Grants) **for a period of two years after the report is submitted.**

The final report should include:

1. Three photographs, with captions, showing the project in action. Please be creative! Even if the grant is for a piece of software, it is making a difference to the organization and the people who are being helped.
2. 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. Again, please be creative!
3. In 250 words or less, please explain how the grant helped you to help others.
4. If possible, please share how the community can get involved or help you continue to grow this grant to benefit your service area.

Greenlight Grants Program Survey

As an important part of improving our services and processes, we are adding a survey to collect information from our applicants and grantees. Once a decision has been made, applicants and grantees are encouraged to provide feedback anonymously by completing the Greenlight Grants survey available at <https://forms.office.com/r/UXjDRKaiRN>. Staff periodically reviews feedback and makes adjustments to guidelines and processes accordingly.