



Greenlight GrantsSM Program for Nonprofit Organizations

2023 Greenlight GrantsSM Information

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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, a Discretionary Grants Orientation video is available online at www.daytonfoundation.org/orienreg.html. While viewing this video is not required, we encourage you to watch it so that you may learn more about how to apply for a grant and your organization's eligibility to receive an award.

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;
- » address needs that are not met fully by existing organizational or community resources;
- » demonstrate systemic collaboration; and
- » demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in organizational strategic plans, policies or other documents, such as an equity statement.

For more information or to learn how to advance diversity, equity and inclusion internally and externally, please review the Standards for Excellence Institution's self-assessment at www.thecentersmu.org/uploads/editor/files/Complete_Comprehensive_DEI_Assessment.pdf. Please note, in most cases, an equity statement, policy or commitment is different from the employee nondiscrimination policy. To review The Dayton Foundation's diversity, equity and inclusion policy, please visit www.daytonfoundation.org/diversitypolicy.html.

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

- » 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 of the project

What We Generally Do Not Fund

- » Projects that are narrowly focused in geography, impact and number of participants
- » General organizational operations and ongoing programs
- » 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 and/or research papers

What We Generally Fund

Capacity-Building Grants

The Dayton Foundation's discretionary grants support projects that provide for more efficient use of community resources; promote coordination, cooperation and sharing among organizations; and reduce the duplication of services in our community. Through this process, we aim to strengthen not-for-profit agencies and institutions by reducing operating costs, increasing public financial support and/or improving internal management. Our goal is to help build organizational capacity so that the charity can work more efficiently and effectively and raise more dollars.

Examples of Funded Grants

- » Strategic marketing studies
- » Community needs assessments
- » Impact studies
- » Software for development/fundraising programs

Capital Campaign or Capital Improvement Grants

To help an organization expand services and capacity

Examples of Capital Campaign or Improvement Grants

- » Capital campaign projects, including the purchase of real estate, construction, renovation and furnishings (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 bus or a walk-in cooler (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/trintent.html.)
- » Office relocation expenses

- » Technology upgrades (Discretionary grants do not fund computer hardware, such as desktop computers or printers.)

Special Projects or Program Expansion Grants

Grants may be awarded to fund new projects or initiatives, or 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. They also may be awarded to help established organizations launch new projects for special purposes that could be representing a unique and unduplicated opportunity and meeting a significant community need, or to promote volunteer participation and citizen involvement in community affairs.

Examples of Special Projects or Program Expansion Grants

- » Opening of an additional adult literacy education site
- » New afterschool reading program for children and parents
- » Strategic growth plan and implementation
- » Urban redevelopment of community and education garden
- » New nature preschool programming
- » Creation of health education and services for at-risk populations

Greenlight GrantsSM

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 to \$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 and directions.

2023 Application Deadlines

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

Funding Cycle	Application Deadline	Funding Decision
1st Cycle	March 1, 2023	Week of March 13
2nd Cycle	June 1, 2023	Week of June 12
3rd Cycle	September 1, 2023	Week of September 11
4th Cycle	December 1, 2023	Week of December 11

How to Apply for a Grant and Application Guidelines

- » The application and specific directions, including a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Form, can be found on The Dayton Foundation's website at www.daytonfoundation.org/greenlightgrnts.html.
- » Organizations with an open Greenlight Grant or discretionary grant 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.
- » If a Greenlight Grant is denied, the organization may not apply for the same project again.

Greenlight Grants Program Survey

We value your opinion. We kindly ask you to complete a brief survey available online at <https://forms.office.com/r/UXjDRKaiRN> to help the Foundation improve its grants award process.