

A Guide for Seeking and Receiving Funding from the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley

Applications are accepted until 11:59 p.m. on designated deadline dates. Late and incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered for the current grant cycle. However, as a courtesy to grantseekers, late and incomplete applications will be held for one additional grant cycle. Applicants with incomplete applications have until the following grant deadline to submit sufficient information and/or documentation in order to be reviewed and considered.

Eligibility: Organizations eligible to receive grants from the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley are those determined by the IRS to be public charities. This encompasses most charitable, scientific, social service, educational and religious organizations described in § 501(c)(3) of the tax code, as well as government entities and public schools. Organizations that are not public charities may apply through a fiscal sponsor. Activities proposed by the requesting organization must directly benefit residents of Mahoning or Trumbull Counties (or the surrounding area).

In addition, requests from individuals and for activities to influence specific legislation or election campaigns are not eligible while requests for retroactive funding for projects that have been completed or will be completed prior to the grant award date are typically not supported.

Grant Recipient Conditions: If your request is approved, you will be required to submit a signed grant agreement before your grant check will be released. You will also be required to submit a final grant report no later than 12 months, unless otherwise noted, from the grant approval date.

We *highly recommend* that organizations submit the final grant report before submitting an additional proposal for continued support of a project.

If your final grant report is not submitted by the deadline and becomes overdue, any future grant requests will not be considered until a satisfactory report is received.

If your request was declined, you are welcome to apply again at any time.

While we do not prohibit reapplying in a set period of time, we do not encourage multiple, frequent requests from an organization.

In addition, any grant made by the Community Foundation must comply with our Non-Discrimination Policy:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity (as defined in paragraph 249(c)(4) of title 18, United States Code), sexual orientation, marital or parental status, political affiliation, military service, physical or mental ability, or any other improper criterion be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available by the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, and any other program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated for grants, cooperative agreements, and other assistance administered by the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley.