

Grant Info Session



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

— OF THE MAHONING VALLEY —

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Grant Opportunities

How We Fund

- Operations – unrestricted support for all of your organization's work
- Program/project – support for one specific part of your organization's work
- Capital – support for building or infrastructure improvements

How We Fund

- Emergency grants – Two categories
 - In response to changes in government policy (e.g. loss of SNAP benefits in fall 2025)
 - In response to events that couldn't have been planned for (e.g. broken pipes, vehicle breakdown)

Annual Opportunities

- Fund for Women & Girls **April 15**
 - Three applications chosen to present at event
- Young Philanthropist Fund **April 15**
 - One project chosen by the Mahoning Valley Young Professionals
- International Institute Funds **April 15**
 - Projects that support foreign-born people and cultural preservation
- Steel Valley Homes for Youth Fund **July 15**
 - Projects that help kids aging out of foster care
- Ohio Living Funds **October 15**
 - Projects that provide learning experiences for seniors in Mahoning County
 - Projects that allow seniors in Mahoning County to age in place
- Hospice Trust of Trumbull County **October 15**
 - Projects that provide hospice services in Trumbull County

CFMV General Grant

- The widest range
- The smallest bucket
- Applications shared with fundholders & reviewed by staff/Distribution Committee
- Maximum \$10,000

Supporting Organizations

- **Western Reserve Health Foundation**
For health-focused projects in Mahoning County
Up to \$20,000
- **Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation**
For health-focused projects in Trumbull County
Up to \$20,000
- ***William Swanston Charitable Fund***
For projects focused on kids
Prioritizes Health & Wellness, Education,
and Children's Services
Up to \$10,000

Updated Funding Priorities

- In place through 2028
- Based on Community Health Improvement Plans
 - Western Reserve Health Foundation and Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation follow **Mahoning-Trumbull CHIP**
 - Swanston Charitable Fund follows **Akron Children's CHIP**

Swanston Charitable Fund

- Funding Priorities for 2026-28
 - Mental & Behavioral Health
 - Access to Care (*new*)
 - Health Information (*new*)
- Removed as priorities
 - Asthma
 - Maternal & Infant Health
 - Community Conditions

Health Foundations

- Based on Mahoning-Trumbull CHIP
- Funding priorities for 2026-28
 - Access to Health Care
 - Community Safety
 - Behavioral Health
 - Chronic Disease (*new*)
 - Maternal, Infant & Child Health (*new*)

Health Foundations – specific funds

- Western Reserve Health Foundation
 - Cancer Care
 - Pediatrics
- Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation
 - Cancer Care
 - Diabetes
 - Hospice
 - Orthopedic

What is a CHIP?

- **CHIP = Community Health improvement plan**
 - An action plan based on the data from our *Community Health Assessment*
 - CHIPs are updated every three years
 - Is not just traditional public health or health service but can include broader issues
 - Built by our community together

Why do we do a CHIP?

- Helps our hospitals and health departments show baselines for accreditation
- Shows community health priority issues
- Develop strategies to address those issues
- Gives us measurable way to track how effective we are
- Collaborate and connect activities across our community

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How to Apply

Applying to CFMV

- **CFMV.org/grants**
 - Link to portal is at the top of the page
- **Check the dropdowns for information on each funding opportunity**
 - Each dropdown also has a link to the grant portal
- **All applications are completed online and through the portal**

Eligibility Quiz

- Tax-exempt status
- Up to date on final grant reports?
- Will your request be within funding guides?
- Does your request align with funding priorities?
- Is your request to support a single event?
- Does our timeline for review align with your work timeline?
- Discrimination policy

Grant Applications

What's new

- Year established as a nonprofit
- Number of staff and volunteers
- Organization expertise
- Request type – Program, Capital or Operation
 - Pay close attention to these – they affect questions you'll get later in your application!

Grant Applications

What's Updated

Program description – Tell us what you're seeking a grant for

Community impact – How your work addresses a community need AND how your organization is positioned to meet the need

Partnerships & Collaboration – who else are you working with on this project?

Community engagement – How are people you serve involved in the design and decision-making of your work?

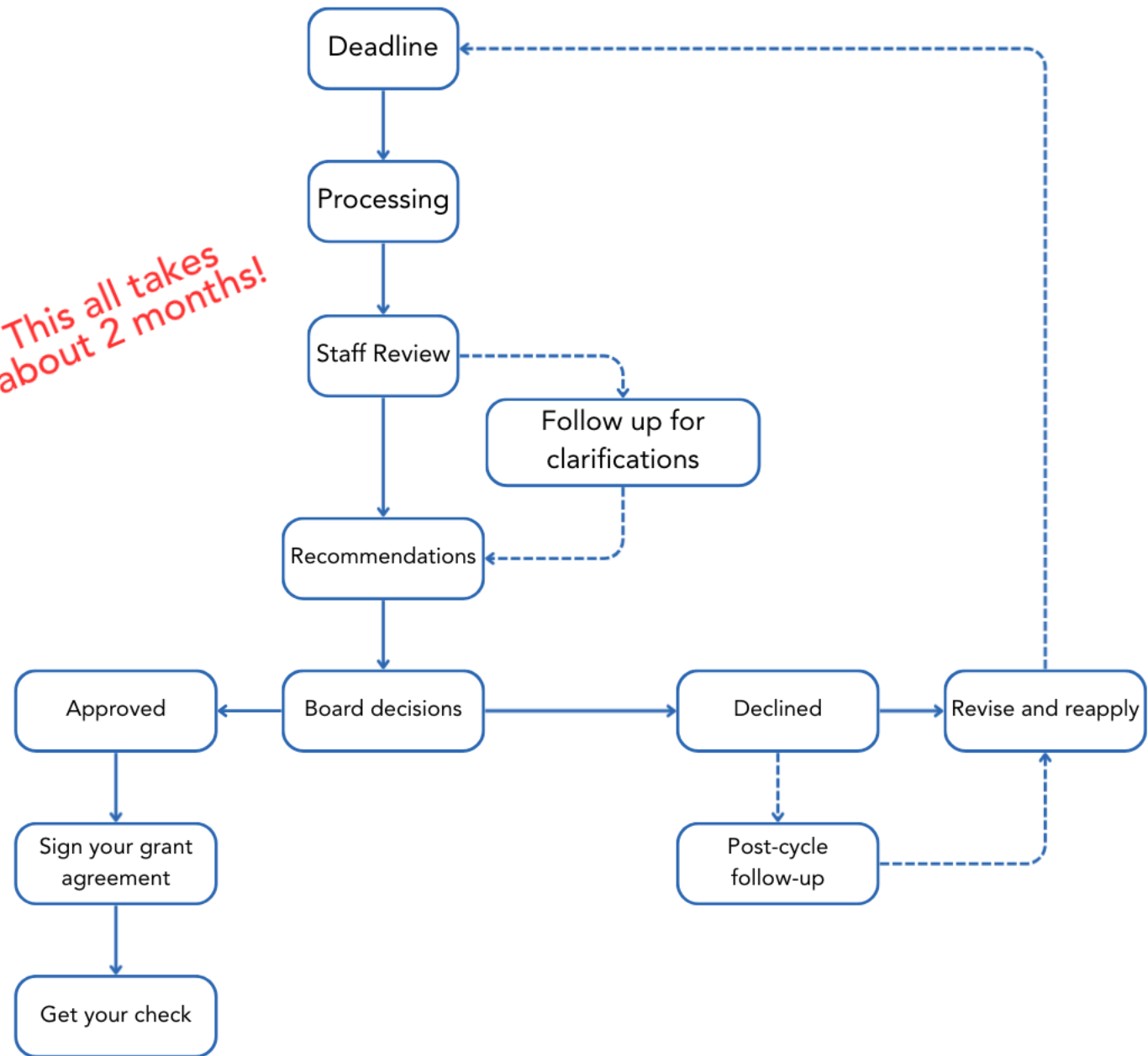
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What Happens After You Apply

This all takes about 2 months!



Staff Review

- **Narrative**

Is it clear what you're trying to do and why? Is this work the community is asking for? Can your organization carry out the work?

- **Alignment**

Does your project match the funding source's priorities?

- **Budget**

Does the money coming in add up to the money being spent? Does your financial plan for the work make sense?

Staff Review

Alignment

- **Collaboration**
Are you working with others?
- **Long-term impact**
Does your request work toward lasting change for the community? Does it change the systems that caused the problem?
- **Immediate needs**
Is your work helping your community address immediate and urgent needs?
- **Strengthening nonprofits**
Will your request make your organization or others more impactful?

Grant Agreements

- Foundation agreements
 - Your success is our success
 - We're here to make sure you're in the best position to be successful
 - This work is a relationship, not a transaction
- Nonprofit agreements
 - You'll spend the money on what you applied for
 - Let us know about the work you're doing!
 - We encourage nonprofits to take part in advocacy
 - Legalese

Questions?

Time for Q&A!

Our team is always available

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