GREATER CINCINNATI FOUNDATION  |  Request for Proposal

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NKY Giving Circle
Request for Proposals

Greater Cincinnati Foundation invites your organization to apply for funding. An invitation to submit a proposal in no way guarantees a grant award. This is a competitive process. The deadline for proposal submission is **Monday, October 22, 5 pm.**

Funding Focus
GCF and a group of passionate donors have joined together to offer this Request for Proposals (RFP) to meaningfully support the Northern Kentucky community. Additional financial support for this RFP comes from GCF endowments dedicated to grantmaking in Northern Kentucky. Applications should explicitly address one of the following purposes:

1. **Purpose:**
   - To support services aimed at advancing equitable access to and/or retention in post-secondary education for at-risk students and/or those of low socioeconomic status in Northern Kentucky.

Sample Results:*
- Increased number or percentage of at-risk and/or low-income students applying to, accepted by, enrolling in, and/or persisting in an institution of higher education.

OR

2. **Purpose:**
   - To support programs that introduce Northern Kentucky youth to sustainable career paths and/or ensure job readiness for those entering the workforce.
Sample Results:

- Increased number or percentage of youth introduced to careers/professions through new or existing programs.
- Increased number or percentage of youth who have acquired a job or internship by the end of the grant period.

* Sample Results are meant to serve as a guide. Programs may target these or other related measurable results or outcomes.

Use of Funds

Grants will be awarded in the amount of up to $15,000. Funding may be used to support, expand or strengthen existing programs, enact capital improvements, launch a new program, or build organizational capacity. Collaboration between like organizations is looked upon highly. Funding will not be awarded for campaigns or special events.

Criteria

- Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations providing programming that relates directly to the above-mentioned funding purpose.
- Grants will be made to organizations located in and serving Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties in Kentucky.
- Preference will be given to programs that:
  - Represent a bold idea that might not otherwise be funded
  - Demonstrate collaborations with other partners
  - Provide clear performance measures demonstrating effectiveness
  - Offer realistic sustainability plan
- Proposals will be accepted from any organization that meets these criteria as well as aligns strongly with the details of this RFP.
- If your organization needs to utilize a fiscal agent, the fiscal agent itself must be the applicant.
Application Process
Respond to this RFP via GCF's online grantmaking system using the “GCF Expediated Application”. Enter the code "NKY2018" into the Enter Access Code box at the top of the Apply page to access the application. After creating a new account and/or logging in, complete all required fields and submit by the deadline listed in this RFP.

Upload the following 4 documents in the final section of the application:
- Project Budget (including budget detail)
- Most recent audit or 990

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Questions
Please direct any questions that you may have to Evie Epifano, Program Manager, evie.epifano@gcfdn.org, 513-768-6101. She should serve as your primary contact. Thank you for considering partnership with Greater Cincinnati Foundation and we look forward to learning from your submission.

GCF Mission
As a trusted and connected partner, we inspire generous people to invest in a more equitable and vibrant region, now and for generations to come.