Leadership Northern Kentucky 2020 Giving Challenge
Request for Proposals

Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) and the Leadership Northern Kentucky (LNK) Class of 2020 invite your organization to apply for funding.

The LNK20 Giving Challenge has a two-fold purpose:
1) To encourage class member involvement in nonprofit voluntarism, financial support and leadership;
2) To support NKY nonprofits as a class and meet a community need.

An invitation to submit a proposal in no way guarantees a grant award. This is a competitive process. That said, each class member will be asked to read proposals in order to understand the critical importance of our region’s nonprofit sector.

The deadline for proposal submission is February 14, 2020, by 5:00 p.m.

Funding Focus
GCF and the LNK Class of 2020 have joined together to offer this Request for Proposals (RFP) to meaningfully and collectively support the Northern Kentucky community. Financial support for this RFP comes from GCF endowments dedicated to grantmaking in Northern Kentucky and from members of the class and their fundraising efforts.

Applications should explicitly address the following purpose:

- Provide housing assistance and/or transportation assistance to individuals in need who are working toward the goals of supporting themselves and creating stability.
Use of Funds
Grants will be awarded in the range of $10,000 to $15,000 (one-year grant). Funding may be used to support, expand or strengthen existing programs, enact capital improvements, launch a new program or build organizational capacity. Funding will not be awarded for campaigns or special events.

Criteria
- Applicants must be classified as tax-exempt by the IRS, typically 501(c)(3) status.
- Grants will be made only to organizations located in and serving serving Boone, Campbell and/or Kenton counties in Kentucky.
- Applications will be accepted from any organization that meets these criteria as well as aligns strongly with the details of this RFP.
- Only one application will be accepted per organization.
- All funding must be spent within 12 months.
- 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 Giving Circle Application”. After creating a new account and/or logging in, complete the application and submit by the deadline listed in this RFP.

Upload the required documents in the final section of the application. The use of provided templates is not required but highly encouraged.

RFP Timeline

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Questions
Answers to general questions are available on our website at [www.gcfdn.org/faq](http://www.gcfdn.org/faq). Please direct any additional questions that you may have to Rickell Smith, Director of Community Strategies, [Rickell.smith@gcfdn.org](mailto:Rickell.smith@gcfdn.org). She is the GCF staff member leading this RFP process and should serve as your primary contact. Questions about the Foundant system or process timeline can be directed to Rosie Polter, Grants Associate, at [rosie.polter@gcfdn.org](mailto:rosie.polter@gcfdn.org). Thank you for considering an application to this LNK Giving Challenge 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.