



January 2, 2019

Providing a Safety Net for Individuals and Families

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 Friday, February 1.

A majority of the funds used in this process are available thanks to the generosity and forward thinking of our donors. Some funds are restricted in various ways as directed by donors which influence funding decisions.

Funding Focus

GCF intends to focus on investing in the following areas with the income of the funds described above:

- Purposes
 - Ensure vulnerable residents of our region have access to food and shelter
 - Increase access to well-integrated and/or trauma-informed behavioral health services
- Results
 - Number of individuals receiving basic and emergency services
 - Number of individuals receiving behavioral health services

Use of Funds

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 highly favored. Funding will not be awarded for campaigns or special events. GCF is interested in hearing of innovative programs from established organizations.



In response to the recent shift in level of support available across the community, GCF will be awarding grants of up to \$50,000 this year.

Criteria

- Applicants must be classified as tax-exempt by the IRS, typically 501(c)(3) status.
- Grants will be made to organizations with efforts based in the Greater Cincinnati region which includes the counties of: Hamilton, Butler, Warren and Clermont in Ohio; Boone, Kenton and Campbell in Kentucky and Dearborn in Indiana.
- Preference will be given to:
 - Organizations that develop solutions with an equity lens
 - Proposals with clear and measurable outcomes
 - Organizations that have demonstrated partnerships and alignment to community-wide efforts
 - Organizations that have demonstrated learnings from their past results
 - Asset-based approach to the work
 - Organizations that provide multiple services in one location
- Proposals will be accepted from any organization that meet these criteria, aligns strongly with the details of this RFP and was not awarded a grant via this process in 2018.
- If your organization needs to utilize a fiscal agent, the fiscal agent must be identified in the application.

Application Process

Grant workshops will be held the third week of January, see specific dates and locations below. These will be duplicative to accommodate the most applicants and will be first come first served. The purpose of these workshops will be to walk through the application process, answer questions specific to the RFP and point out areas of the application that should be paid particular attention.



Respond to this RFP via [GCF's online grantmaking system](#) using the “GCF Responsive Grant Application”. After creating a new account and/or logging in, complete the application and submit by the deadline listed in this RFP.

Upload the following 4 documents in the final section of the application:

- Most recent audit or 990
- Project Budget
- Income statement AND balance sheet (2 years of data as up-to-date as possible)
- Board list with demographics

Templates are provided for Project Budget, Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Board list. Use of these templates are not required but highly encouraged.

RFP Timeline

Key Steps	Date
RFP Workshops (<i>optional</i>)	Thursday, January 17 from 1-2 p.m. @ Greater Cincinnati Foundation Friday, January 18 from 9-10 a.m. @ Center for Great Neighborhoods (Covington, KY)
Proposal Deadline	February 1 at 5 p.m.
Decision Communicated	Friday, April 19
Funding Received	Early May

Questions

Answers to general questions are available on our website at www.gcfndn.org/faq.

Please direct any additional questions that you may have to Michael Coffey, Program Officer, at michael.coffey@gcfndn.org or 513-768-6109. This is the Program Officer leading this RFP process and should serve as your primary contact. Questions about the Foundant system or process timeline can be directed to Evie Epifano, Program Manager,



at evie.epifano@gcfdn.org. Thank you for considering partnership with Greater Cincinnati Foundation and we look forward to learning from your submission.

GCF Mission

As the region's leading community foundation, Greater Cincinnati Foundation connects people with purpose in an eight-county region in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. GCF is leading the charge toward a more vibrant Greater Cincinnati for everyone – now, and for generations to come.