GREATER CINCINNATI FOUNDATION  |  Request for Proposal

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**Summertime Kids**  
Request for Proposals

Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) invites your organization to apply for a Summertime Kids grant. 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, March 15, 2019, by 5:00 p.m.

These grant funds are available because of the generosity of our donors and the continuing support of Charles H. Dater Foundation. The maximum grant award is $1,000, but we accept grant requests for lower amounts. Programs must take place between June 1, 2019 and August 31, 2019. Each nonprofit organization may submit up to two applications, either for two distinctly different programs or the same program at two different locations.

**Funding Focus**

With help from a team of passionate donors and community volunteers who will review the applications, GCF intends to focus on investing in the following area:

- Purpose: To support supervised activities and programs that are enriching and fun for youth and promote learning during the summer months.

**Use of Funds**

Funding may be used to support, expand or strengthen existing programs or launch new programs. Funding will not be awarded to religious organizations that require religious activity for participation.
Criteria

- Applicants must be classified as tax-exempt by the IRS, typically 501(c)(3) status, or be a local church or school.
- 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 programs that:
  - Help reduce summer learning loss/summer slide.
  - Introduce kids to new experiences that will be healthful, enriching and/or expand their horizons.
  - Challenge kids to learn and grow through local opportunities that may not be otherwise available to them.
  - Have lasting impact on youth with the greatest need.
  - Serve a diverse location or populations of youth.
  - Engage parents or guardians.
  - Demonstrate collaboration in the community.
- Proposals will be accepted from any organization that meets the criteria and aligns strongly with the purpose of this RFP.
- If your organization needs to use a fiscal agent, the fiscal agent must be identified in the application.
- Schools applying for funding should verify that all vendors paid with grant funds are on their district’s approved vendor list.

Application Process
Respond to this RFP via GCF’s online grantmaking system using the “Summertime Kids Application”. After creating a new account and/or logging in, complete the application and submit by the deadline listed in this RFP. Please reach out to GCF staff if you are unsure if your organization or school has an existing account.

Upload the Project Budget in the final section of the application. While not required, it is highly encouraged that you use the template provided.
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 Rosie Polter, Grants Associate, [rosie.polter(gcf.org](http://rosie.polter(gcf.org), 513-768-6154. Thank you for considering partnership with Greater Cincinnati Foundation. We look forward to receiving 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.