



December 6, 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 Monday, February 3, 2020.

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 that vulnerable residents of our region have access to food and shelter
 - Increase access to well-integrated and/or trauma-informed mental health services
- Key Indicators
 - Number of individuals receiving basic services
 - Number of individuals receiving mental 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 throughout the region.

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 through applying a racial equity lens (See Awake to Woke to Work: Building a Race Equity Culture, available at <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56b910ccb6aa60c971d5f98a/t/5b508d9a2b6a2853e2d07b9f/1532005799212/ProInspire-Equity-in-Center-publication-digital-v6.pdf>)
 - 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
- Proposals will be accepted from any organization that meets these criteria, aligns strongly with the details of this RFP and was not awarded a grant via this process in 2019.
- If your organization needs to utilize a fiscal agent, the fiscal agent must be identified in the application.

Application Process

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 documents in the final section of the application:

- List of key staff for program success, including their roles and qualifications.
- Board demographics



- Project Budget
- Most recent audit or 990
- Income statement AND balance sheet (Two years of data as up-to-date as possible)

Templates are provided for Board demographics, Project Budget, Income Statement and Balance Sheet. The use of these templates is not required, but highly encouraged.

Please join us for a grant workshop January 7 from 3-5 p.m. at the GCF offices. The purpose of the workshop will be to walk through the application process and timeline, answer questions specific to the Safety Net RFP and provide an intentional space for community leaders to identify how their work intersects and opportunities to collaborate.

RFP Timeline

Key Steps	Date
RFP Workshop <i>(optional)</i>	Tuesday, January 7, from 3-5 p.m. @ Greater Cincinnati Foundation 720 E. Pete Rose Way, Suite 120 Cincinnati, OH 45202
Proposal Deadline	Monday, February 3, at 5 p.m.
Decision Communicated	Friday, April 10
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. He 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 Rosie Polter, Program Manager,



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

About Greater Cincinnati Foundation

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.