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Summertime Kids Request for Proposals

Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) invites your organization to apply for a Summertime Kids grant. These grant funds are available through the continuing support of Charles H. Dater Foundation. To be considered for funding, proposals must be submitted by **Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:00pm.**

GCF invests in the expertise of trusted partners to build a more equitable region. One of the many ways we support our partners is by offering competitive grants that align with our donors' interest areas. Funding in these areas is made available through our Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

The maximum grant award for the 2021 Summertime Kids cycle is \$1,000, however we accept grant requests for lower amounts. Programs must take place between June 1 and August 31, 2021. 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

Proposals should explicitly address the following purpose:

- 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. Projects or events may be held in person or virtually. 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 by 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

Key Steps	Date
RFP Release	January 6, 2021
Proposal Deadline	March 1, 2021
Volunteer Committee Review	March 2021
Decision Communicated	April 2021

Questions

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

We are here to be a resource throughout the application process. Please direct any additional questions that you may have to Rosie Polter, Program Officer, rosie.polter@gcfdn.org. 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 Shelby Graham, Community Strategies Coordinator, at shelby.graham@gcfdn.org. Thank you for considering partnership with GCF 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.