Summertime Kids

Request for Proposals

Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) invites your school or 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 4, 2024, at 5:00pm**.

GCF invests in the expertise of trusted partners in the education space 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.

NEW IN 2024

Grants for the 2024 Summertime Kids cycle will be awarded up to $2,500. Programs must take place between June 1 and August 31, 2024, *or* between the end of the 2023-2024 school year and the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year. Each organization or school may only submit one application, but the program can be held in partnership with any number of schools, classrooms, or communities.

Funding Focus

Proposals should explicitly address the following purpose:

- To support enriching activities and programs that encourage learning and/or development for children of all ages during the summer months.

Use of Funds

Funding may be used to support, expand, or strengthen existing programs, purchase supplies or equipment, launch a new program, or build organizational capacity. For more specifics on what funding may be used for, please review our Grant FAQs.

Criteria

- Applicants must be classified as tax-exempt by the IRS, typically 501(c)(3) status or government agency. If your organization is not a 501(c)(3), you may utilize a fiscal agent, however the fiscal agent must be identified in the application.
- Grants will be made to organizations or schools 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.
- Entities meeting the above criteria are welcome to apply, however, preference will be given to projects that:
  - Employ developmentally appropriate practices (DAP) in any programming that serves children 0-8 years of age.
  - Have an explicit emphasis on growing children's and young people's social-emotional skills: e.g., co-regulation, communication, or conflict resolution.
  - Provide students' families and/or communities the opportunity to be engaged with programming.

Application Process

Submit your application at www.gcfdn.org/Foundant using the "Summertime Kids Application." After creating a new account and/or logging in, **please complete and submit the application by Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:00pm.**

Upload the following three (3) documents in the final section of the application:
- Most recent audit or 990
- Project budget
- Income statement and balance sheets from the previous two years, if possible.

Templates are provided for the project budget, income statement and balance sheet. The use of these templates is optional, but encouraged.

RFP Timeline

Key Steps	Date
RFP Release	Monday, January 8, 2024
Proposal Deadline	Monday, March 4, 2024 5:00pm
Decision Communicated	April 2024
Funding Received	May 2024

Questions

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

Please direct any additional questions that you may have to Isabella Frueh, Program Officer at isabella.frueh@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 Hannah Hilditch, Community Strategies Coordinator, at hannah.hilditch@gcfdn.org.

Thank you for considering partnership with GCF! 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.