

Community Impact Fund - Fall 2025

The Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, Inc.

Instructions



APPLICATION:

It is not required to complete the application all at once. After saving completed answers, you will have the opportunity to login another time to continue the application. Be sure you click "submit" when all questions and uploads are done. After submission you will not have the option to edit. You will receive a submission confirmation email. If you do not receive the confirmation email, contact CFOV.

Many applicants make the mistake of not reading the questions carefully or answering them completely. It's important to answer all the questions rather than focusing on one or two. Since our questions have a character limit, be clear and concise. There's no need to use elaborate words, adjectives or longer sentences. Instead, provide as much information about the project in as few words as possible.

EVALUATION PROCESS:

The funding determinations are made by the CFOV distribution committee. This application and certain questions are included in a scoring rubric for each evaluator. The scoring items are: Focus Areas, Project Budget Narrative, Project Quality, Project Implementation, Goals/Objectives/Methods, and Discretionary. These areas are scored on a ranking of a 0-4 scale. Scores are not provided to applicants.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions throughout this process, please contact Debbie at 304-242-3144 or debbie@cfov.org

CFOV review of request and AI Summary

CFOV Grant Review*

Qualified Organization

Choices

organization budget received/reviewed

organization is a 501(C)(3) or similarly exempt
organization is current on grant reports or N/A

CFOV staff review notes

Staff review notes are intended to provide factual or contextual information that may assist reviewers in understanding the application. Notes should remain objective and concise, focusing on clarifying information that may not be immediately evident from the application materials. These comments should not include personal opinions, evaluations of merit, or funding recommendations.

Character Limit: 300

Date of staff review*

Character Limit: 10

AI Summary

Following is a copy and pasted AI summary of this grant that was generated through proprietary Foundant grant software which is closed to open source platforms.

Character Limit: 5000

Organization Information

Organization Charitable Status*

Please select how your organization meets the charitable status requirement.

Choices

- 501(c)(3) as designated by the IRS
- Church
- School
- Unit of Government
- Similarly exempt

Organization Charitable Eligibility

If the answer above is "similarly exempt", please explain.

Character Limit: 250

Board Members*

Please list **or** upload your organization's board members:

Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 5 MB

Organization Mission*

Please describe your organization's mission in one sentence.

Character Limit: 200

The Organization's Annual Operating Budget*

Upload in a PDF format your most recent organization annual operating budget.

Your operating budget is kept confidential. If a committee member requests to see the budget in order to make a determination of funding, it will be shared to a limited few.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Last Year Community Impact Grant Update

If your organization received a CFOV Community Impact Grant last year, please provide an update.

Character Limit: 1000

Project Details

Project Name*

Character Limit: 100

Grant Amount Requested (up to \$7,500)*

Character Limit: 20

Project Description/Focus Areas*

Please provide a description for the project.

Be sure to include how your project fits one or more Community Impact Fund Focus Areas:

Next Generation Leadership/Mentoring

This focus area supports intentional leadership development and structured mentoring for youth and young adults (ages 12–25). Preference will be given to applicants whose services benefit a broad segment of the general public. Eligible programs must include measurable outcomes in leadership growth, personal development, or civic engagement.

Examples include:

- One-on-one or group mentoring programs
- Leadership training programs connected to workforce readiness or community service
- Initiatives with a clear framework for participant progress tracking

Not funded: General youth activities without a leadership or mentoring component

Youth Recreation/Activities

Grants will support structured, supervised recreation or enrichment activities for youth (ages 6–18) that foster physical health, social skills, or personal growth. Eligible activities should go beyond standard school-day physical education, routine fitness classes, or general membership-based recreation programs.

Examples include:

- Consistent, ongoing opportunities rather than single events
- Offer intentional mentoring, leadership, or teamwork opportunities
- Demonstration of measurable benefits for participants' well-being

Not funded: Unstructured gatherings, entertainment-only events, or activities without youth development goals

Programs that enhance Economic Mobility

Programs that help individuals and families increase income, gain stable employment, build assets, and remove barriers to long-term financial stability or quality of life.

Examples include:

- Emergency or basic needs assistance tied to long-term stability
- Financial literacy, housing, transportation, or childcare programs that increase self-sufficiency
- Workforce support services with measurable outcomes

Not funded: General operating support without a direct link to economic mobility outcomes, one-time events or short-term assistance without a sustainability component, programs serving only a narrow membership group rather than the general public

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Character Limit: 2000

Objectives and Methods*

What are the project's objectives and what are the methods you will use to carry out those objectives? What is planned to be achieved through this project?

Be sure that the project's objectives and methods are clearly stated, logically connected, and appropriate for achieving the intended outcomes. Demonstrate a clear understanding of how the methods will be implemented and how success will be measured.

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Character Limit: 2500

Impact and Evaluation*

How will you define success for your project? Why do you think the project will be successful? Include supporting details for successful impact and evaluation.

Clearly explain how success will be defined, measured, and achieved. Identify meaningful outcomes and describes how progress and impact will be evaluated to determine effectiveness.

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Character Limit: 2500

How many individuals are expected to be served by the project?*

Character Limit: 150

Sustainability*

List additional sources of support for this project. What are your plans for long-term funding and/or maintenance of the proposed project?

Character Limit: 1500

Collaboration*

If other organizations are collaborating on this project, provide a description of the collaboration here.

Character Limit: 1500

Primary Geographic Location*

Please select the county or counties that the project serves.

Choices

- Brooke
- Hancock
- Marshall
- Ohio
- Tyler
- Wetzel
- Belmont
- Jefferson

Target Population*

Check the population(s) for which your project serves

Choices

- Adults
- Children/Youth
- Disabled
- Economically Disadvantaged
- Elderly
- General Public
- Infant/Babies
- Other
- Veterans
- Young Adult (18-24)
- ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)

Project Budget

Project Budget*

Open the project budget form that is linked below
Complete the project budget form
Save the form to your computer
Click on the "upload a file" button below
Select the file from your computer
Upload the form

Project budget form

File types accepted: PDF, DOC, DOCX

Be sure that your project budget is clear and concise including: supplies, printing, equipment, materials, salaries, program, fees, rent, admin, etc.

View this [SAMPLE PROJECT BUDGET](#) as a reference.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Project Budget Narrative (the story for the support)*

Use this space to tell the story behind the numbers in your project budget. The budget narrative should enhance the project budget through justification and explanation of the expenses.

Be sure that the project's budget narrative is clear, detailed, and logically aligned with the proposed activities. Provide sufficient explanation to demonstrate that costs are reasonable, necessary, and appropriate for the scope of the project.

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Additional Information, Submission, Next Steps

Additional Information

This upload space can be used for any additional supporting information for the proposal.
(please convert .pages files to PDF or DOCX prior to upload)

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Electronic Signature of person submitting the application*

By signing and submitting this document, I attest that I have thoroughly reviewed the application. The information presented is true and accurate.

Please type your name

Character Limit: 100

Attestations*

Choices

I certify that this grant will not duplicate other public/private funding received.

I understand that making false statements or concealing information is fraudulent.

I have authorization from the organization's board to submit this grant application.

Non-Discrimination*

I certify that no person shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, political affiliation, military service, physical or mental limitation, or any other improper criterion be excluded from participation in; be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available by the Community Foundation, and any other program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated for grants or other types of assistance administered by the Community Foundation.

Choices

Yes

No

HELPFUL TIPS

Once you've answered all the questions, read the full application from start to finish. See if you sound repetitive, have fully completed the questions or should edit your responses to be more concise and informative. It might be helpful to have another staff member or friend who is unfamiliar with the project read your application and provide feedback.

To print a copy of your draft application at any time, click on "Application Packet" at the top of this page. To view and print your application immediately after submission, click on "Dashboard" after you click the "submit" button. On the Dashboard page, click "view application" and at the top of the page, click "application packet".

WHAT'S NEXT?

Once the application period ends, all requests are reviewed for eligibility and compiled for the committee. The committee will review and score the grant applications. After several weeks, the committee will meet to discuss approvals and declinations.

Please allow CFOV time for this review process. Funding decisions will be announced by the end of January or early February. You will receive communication if you were approved or not.