

Stealey Community Fund 2026

The Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, Inc.

About



The Stealey Community Fund is administered by the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, Inc. (CFOV), with the advice of the Stealey Community Fund Advisory Board.

Ruth Stealey Green created the Stealey Community Fund as a memorial to her family. The Stealey family has a long history in the development of the Town of Middlebourne and its activities. Mrs. Green directed that the income from the fund was to be distributed, in the discretion of the Community Foundation's Board of Directors, ". . . to educational, religious and community organizations and programs, which exist in the Middlebourne, West Virginia community, including organizations and programs situated outside the municipal boundaries of the Town of Middlebourne which benefit the residents of Middlebourne." It was her desire that special consideration be given to programs and projects which will improve the quality of life of the residents of Middlebourne such as improved library, recreational, municipal and youth services.

To be eligible to receive a grant from the Stealey Community Fund, the organization applying must be qualified as exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or be a similarly exempt government entity.

APPLICATION:

Please note the character limit for each question. This is a limit, not a requirement. Characters include all letters, punctuation marks, and spaces.

Using AI* - If using AI to write the grant, please edit the responses to ensure it is personalized to your organization and your project.

*Information typed into AI platforms will use that information in other responses. Please be sure to omit any identifying information such as org name, foundation name, amounts, addresses, etc.

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 Stealey Advisory committee. This application and certain questions are included in a scoring rubric for each evaluator. The scoring items are: Project Narrative, Objectives and Methods, Impact and Evaluation, Project Budget Narrative, 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

Organization Information

Organization EIN*

Provide the Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Character Limit: 15

Organization Charitable Status*

In the drop down box, select the nature of your organization's charitable status.

Choices

501(c)(3) as designated by the IRS

Church

Unit of Government

School

Other

Charitable Status

If you answered "other" in the previous question, please describe the nature of your charitable status here.

Character Limit: 150

The Organization's Annual Operating Budget*

Unless requested by the committee, the organization budget is not shared.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Board of Directors

Please list or upload board members and officers

Character Limit: 1000 | File Size Limit: 1 MB

Describe your organization mission in one sentence.*

Character Limit: 100

Recent Accomplishments

Please upload any of the following that best describes the recent work of your organization: annual report, newsletter or summary of activities for the most recent year.

Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 7 MB

Application

Project Name*

Please provide a concise name for your project. This name will be utilized throughout all stages of the grant process.

Character Limit: 100

Project Narrative*

Please provide a description for the project, including how it fits the guidelines established for the Stealey Community Fund.

How does your project benefit the residents of Middlebourne, WV?

**this application question is included in a set of scoring questions that is provided to the evaluators for the purpose of funding determinations.*

Character Limit: 5000

Grant Amount Requested*

Character Limit: 20

Project Total*

What is amount for the entire project? This amount may or may not be equal to the amount requested. Sometimes other funders contribute to a project making the amount requested different than the total project amount.

Character Limit: 20

Project Budget - Money In

Use the following table to list the sources of support that will make your program possible. If all the items do not fit within the chart, there is space in the next question for additional sources.

Example:

(Source) Foundation ABC
 (amount) \$XXXX
 (type) Cash or In Kind
 (status) confirmed Y/N

It is not required to have six sources of support! You can leave unneeded sources blank.

Source of support	Amount	Type: Cash or In-Kind	Status Confirmed Y/N

Additional Budget -Money in (OPTIONAL)

If there are budget items that did not fit in the above tables, please describe using the same categories as the table.

Character Limit: 2500

Project Budget - Money Out

Use the following table to list the expenses associated with your project. If all the items do not fit within the chart, there is space in the next question for additional expenses.

Example:

Food Purchase, carrots, \$XXX, cash, (no notes)
 Printing, Flyers, \$XXX, in-kind, print shop donation
 Equipment, swing, \$XXXX, cash,

It is not required to have five expense categories! You can leave unneeded categories blank.

Expense Category	Description	Amount	Cash or In-Kind	Notes

Additional Budget -Money Out (OPTIONAL)

If there are budget items that did not fit in the above tables, please describe using the same categories as the table.

Character Limit: 3000

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.

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Character Limit: 3000

Target Population*

What is the target population for this project?

Choices

- Adults
- Children/Youth
- Disabled
- Economically Disadvantaged
- Elderly
- General Public
- Infant/Babies
- Other
- Veterans
- Young Adult (18-24)

Population Other

If you answered "other" to the above question and are serving a population not listed, please explain.

Character Limit: 250

Primary Geographic Location*

Please select the county or counties that the project serves.

The fund focus areas are Middlebourne, West Virginia community, including organizations and programs situated outside the municipal boundaries of the Town of Middlebourne which benefit the residents of Middlebourne.

Choices

Tyler

Other

Geographic Area

If you answered "other" to the above question, please indicate the county or counties served by your project.

Character Limit: 100

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.

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Character Limit: 5000

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?

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Character Limit: 5000

Individuals served*

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

Character Limit: 150

Collaboration*

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

A collaboration could be from other nonprofit organizations, schools, community groups, etc.

Character Limit: 2500

Miscellaneous

Please use this space to upload any additional supporting documentation for your project. (ex: photos of your work, newsletters, annual report)

File Size Limit: 10 MB

Previous grant

Last year Stealey Grant Update

If you received a grant last year from the Stealey Community Fund, please provide an update on that project.

Character Limit: 3000

Last year Stealey grant photo

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Last year Stealey grant photo

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Submission

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.

Non-Discriminations*

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

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.

E-Signature*

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: 50

NEXT STEPS:

Once you submit your application, you'll get a confirmation email letting you know it was received. If you don't see it in your inbox, be sure to check your junk, spam, or other folders—sometimes it likes to hide there! After the application deadline passes, CFOV works closely with the advisory committee to review and score all applications. There's no need to reach out about the status of your application, as we'll be in touch with you either way to let you know if your request was approved. Since the evaluation process can take some time, we truly appreciate your patience as we go through everything!