

Guidelines for Grantseekers

The Foundation Office
at



FIFTH THIRD BANK

Administers the following foundations
which support the Greater Cincinnati region:

Charles Moerlein Foundation
Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund
Eleanora C.U. Alms Trust
Helen G., Henry F., & Louise Tuechter Dornette Foundation
Patricia Kisker Foundation
Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts
Ohio Valley Foundation
Stillson Foundation

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Grant Inquiry Process

Our goal is to make the grantmaking process as smooth and easy as possible. Nonprofit organizations that operate in the Greater Cincinnati region and are designated under section 501(c)(3) and subsections 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) by the Internal Revenue Service are eligible to apply for a grant.

The Grantmaking Process

To inquire about a grant, please follow these steps:

1. An organization interested in submitting a grant proposal should first submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) using the link below. **LOIs are accepted from Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.**
<https://www.cybergrants.com/fifththirdbank/loiquiz>
2. The Foundation Office will review your LOI and may contact your organization about further discussion of the proposal, which may include a site visit.
3. Your organization will receive either an email declining your inquiry or an invitation to submit a full application online. An invitation to apply will include the foundation funding source, recommended request amount and a deadline for receipt of the application.
4. The Foundation Office will submit completed applications to the respective Foundation Board or Committee for final review and approval or declination.

Grant Review Timeline

Grantseekers should allow six to 12 months for the grantmaking process.

Grant Terms & Evaluation

Nonprofits may apply only once within any 12-month period.

In general, we prefer awarding grants for one year.

In selected instances, The Foundation Office will accept requests for multiyear grants up to a maximum of three years. An applicant seeking multiyear support must meet these conditions:

1. Demonstrate that multiyear support is essential for program success.
2. Demonstrate that the effort will produce specific, measurable outcomes within the agreed-upon time period.

The Foundation Office considers grant evaluation to be an important element of each grant it makes. All grantees are required to submit a written grant evaluation one year after payment is received.

Limitations

Grant decisions are subject to the following administrative policies, which are intended to maximize the distribution of available resources to deserving nonprofit organizations.

- Individuals are not eligible for grants.
- Individual churches are not eligible, except for proposals regarding an affiliated school.
- Publicly supported entities such as public schools, government or government agencies are not eligible.
- Supporting organizations designated 509(a)(3) by the IRS are not eligible for funding.
- Walks/runs, dinners, galas, luncheons and other event sponsorship requests are not eligible.
- Athletic, band, and other school booster clubs are not eligible.
- Startup funding for new programs or organizations is usually not a funding priority.
- Grantseekers planning major campaigns should, well in advance of the campaign, discuss fundraising objectives and potential requests with The Foundation Office. Finite resources usually preclude the ability of The Foundation Office to contribute simultaneously to both major campaign and programming requests.
- A waiting period of three years is required for prior grant recipients receiving \$10,000 or more from any funding source administered by The Foundation Office. This period will begin as of the first payment on the grant.
- Grant funds received may NOT be used by a grantee for any of the following purposes:
 - (A) To carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, to influence the outcome of a public election, or to carry on a voter registration drive.
 - (B) To make a grant that does not comply with Section 4945(d)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") regarding grants to individuals for travel, study or similar purposes or grants requiring expenditure responsibility.
 - (C) As security or a source of payment for the debt services on municipal securities or repayments on municipal bonds.
 - (D) To fund or finance any activity for any purpose other than charitable or educational purposes stated in Code Section 170(c)(2)(B).

Foundations administered by The Foundation Office

The respective Committees review all grant requests for the following trusts and foundations for which Fifth Third Bank serves as trustee or agent. Grants for programming in education, the arts, community development, and health and human services **in Greater Cincinnati region** are considered, in addition to the specific funding interests originally identified by each of the individual benefactors.

Charles Moerlein Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee

Supports religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes.

Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee

Supports initiatives that empower and assist women and girls in achieving self-sufficiency.

Eleanora C.U. Alms Trust, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee

Supports charitable and educational purposes for the City of Cincinnati, with a focus on the arts.

Helen G., Henry F., & Louise Tuechter Dornette Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee

Supports nature and the conservation of nature's beauty, as well as organizations that are beneficial to children, with a preference to organizations that Miss Dornette identified during her lifetime.

Patricia Kisker Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee

Supports organizations that benefit or serve children, and educational, musical or arts organizations, as well as organizations which Patricia Kisker supported during her lifetime.

Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee

Supports charitable or educational purposes; for relief in sickness, suffering and distress; for the care of young children, the aged or the helpless or afflicted; for the promotion of education, and to improve living conditions.

Ohio Valley Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Agent

Funds small equipment and capital improvement projects in the Ohio Valley.

Stillson Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee

Helps children and provides assistance to those charities the Stillsons supported during their lifetime.