

Guidelines for Grantseekers



The Foundation Office at Fifth Third Bank

Administers Fifth Third Foundation funds
in the Fifth Third Bank footprint

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GRANT INQUIRY PROCESS

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

Sponsorships are made separately through Fifth Third Bank. The Fifth Third Foundation does NOT fund sponsorships (examples are walks, runs, tables at events, etc.). If you are seeking sponsorship of any kind, please note that Fifth Third Bank utilizes a simple and streamlined online system for requesting support for local sponsorships and events. If you would like to request a sponsorship, please visit <https://53.versaic.com/Login.aspx> for instructions and access to the online form. (Please note that only this method will be accepted.) Please direct any questions regarding Cincinnati or Northern Kentucky requests to Jeanine.Sack@53.com with any questions regarding Dayton requests to Amy.Rodgers@53.com.

The Grantmaking Process

To inquire about a grant, please follow these steps:

1. An organization interested in submitting a grant proposal should initially contact the representative in their region (see last page for individuals names and contact information) via a brief letter of inquiry detailing the organization, its mission, the project it seeks funding for, and an approximate grant amount.
2. After reviewing the letter of inquiry, the affiliate contact may contact the organization about further discussion of the inquiry, which may include a site visit meeting. If selected, an invitation to apply online will be extended via email which will include the amount to apply for and a deadline for receipt of the application.
3. The committee reviews grant requests quarterly. Grantseekers should allow a minimum of 6-12 months for the grantmaking process.

Grant Terms & Evaluation

1. Nonprofits may apply only once within any 12 month period.
2. All grantees are required to submit a written grant evaluation one year after payment is received.

What We Look for in a Proposal

Grant requests are accepted from organizations located in and/or primarily serving the areas served by Fifth Third Bank that are recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) subsections 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

Proposals are favored that support the following focus areas:

- Arts and culture
- Community development
- Education programs for youth
- Financial literacy
- Health and human services
- Homeownership and housing programs
- Job creation initiatives

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.
- Elementary and middle schools are generally not eligible.
- Supporting organizations designated 509(a)(3) by the IRS are not eligible for funding.
- Walks/runs to support a specific cause are not eligible.
- Athletic Booster or Band Booster clubs are not eligible.
- Start-up funding for new programs or organizations is usually not a funding priority.
- Due to the sizeable annual contributions made by the Fifth Third Foundation and Fifth Third Bank to the United Way and fine arts funds, program funding requests from supported agencies are considered a lesser priority than proposals from non-supported agencies.
- 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.

The Fifth Third Foundation promotes and ensures equal opportunity in all its grant making activities and therefore will not provide support (financial or in-kind) to non-religious organizations that have a written policy of discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, veteran status or any other legally protected status.

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