

## 2019 Community Impact Funding Initiative Grant Guidelines

### Purpose

Each and every day, the Community Foundation strives to improve the lives of people who live, work and play in Monroe County. Through strategic grantmaking, the Foundation fuels innovative ideas and lasting impact by granting funds to nonprofits to meet our community's most pressing needs and seize its most compelling opportunities. **We strive to create impact that extends from early childhood development to aging, from basic needs to economic development, from the arts to the environment, and beyond.**

### Opportunity

The Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County (CFBMC) is currently accepting Letters of Intent for projects and programs that are forward thinking, community changing in their implementation, practical in their application and unique to the community. This year, the Community Foundation **has not stipulated a focus area for granting.** However, the Foundation prioritizes funding opportunities that address current community needs and opportunities through innovative solutions, collaboration, and sustainability.



**Please carefully review full grant criteria on the Community Foundation's website before completing your Letter of Intent.**

### Eligibility

**Letters of Intent may be submitted by local 501(c)(3) nonprofits and other organizations that are exempt from filing for a 501(c)(3) status.** This includes units of government, school corporations, and religious organizations. Impact grants may be awarded to religious organizations for programs that are non-proselytizing and do not promote religious doctrine or

instruction. To confirm eligibility, please contact Marcus Whited at [marcus@cfbmc.org](mailto:marcus@cfbmc.org) or 812.333.9016.

## **Process and Timeline**

**Interested applicants are asked to submit a two-page (maximum) Letter of Intent on agency letterhead to CFBMC.** Letters of Intent will be reviewed for alignment with criteria, quality, and anticipated outcomes. A select number of applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

### **September 12, 2018**

September 28, 2018

November 6, 2018

December 2018

### **Letters of Intent Due to Community Foundation**

Selected Applicants Receive Invitations for Full Proposals

Full Applications Due to Community Foundation

Grant Awards Announced; Funding Available

## **Preparing Letters of Intent**

The following should be included in the Letter of Intent:

- Name and title of contact person
- Mission statement of the organization
- **Amount requested between \$10,000 and \$50,000** (an estimate is acceptable).
- Project or program description. Please indicate if you are requesting dollars for capacity building. For a definition of capacity building, please see FAQs.
- Anticipated outcomes and strategies for measuring them.
- Timeline for the proposed activity and for measuring results, which may be different.
- Verification of tax exempt status (copy of IRS Letter of Determination).

Supplemental materials like photos, brochures, or DVDs will not be accepted.

## **Submitting Letters of Intent**

**Five copies** of the Letter of Intent should be submitted at the following address:

**Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County**

**Attention: Marcus Whited**

**100 South College Avenue, Suite #240**

**Bloomington, Indiana 47404**

**Letters of Intent cannot be submitted electronically.** Please hand deliver or send via USPS or other carrier. Submissions must be received by close of business on the deadline date. **Letters of Intent received electronically or after 5:30 pm on the deadline date will not be evaluated.**

## **Don't ask for this!**

The Community Foundation does not consider requests for:

- Previously incurred debts
- Political campaigns
- Efforts to influence legislation of any governmental body other than through making available the results of nonpartisan analysis, study, and research

**Please note that we typically do not fund requests for general operating support or indirect costs.** Direct costs for operating the project or program may be eligible. General operating support for new or pilot programs may be considered. See FAQs for a definition of direct and indirect costs.

## **FAQs**

For everything else you need to know, refer to the FAQs on our website.

<https://www.cfbmc.org/lasting-impact/apply-for-a-grant/community-impact-grants/>.

**For questions, please contact Marcus Whited at 812.333.9016 or [marcus@cfbmc.org](mailto:marcus@cfbmc.org).**

## **Equal Opportunity in Grantmaking**

*No person in the United States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity (as defined in paragraph 249(c)(4) of title 18, United States Code), sexual orientation, marital or parental status, political affiliation, military service, physical or mental ability, 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, cooperative agreements, and other assistance administered by the community foundation.*