



Miami County Community Foundation

Grant application process

Our Grant Award Process: We encourage you to call our office and speak with the foundation staff to talk about your project. Call Corinne Becknell Lucas, Program Officer, at 574.835.4101, or email corinne@nicf.org.

If you are seeking a grant in Miami County, you will choose from of the following options on the application page:

Types of Grants Available for Miami County Programs/Projects:

- **NICF Impact Grants:** For projects over \$25,000. The first part of the application process is to complete the Letter of Intent portion of the application. Applicants will be notified if they're approved to move forward with their proposal or if the project was denied. There is no deadline associated with these grants.
- **NICF Community Support Grants:** For projects needing several hundred to several thousand dollars. These grants are designed to be awarded to several organizations and provide support throughout the community. There is no deadline associated with these grants.
- **NICF Micro Grants:** NICF Micro Grants are for grant requests that are \$2,000 and under. There is no deadline associated with these grants.

Miami County Granting Guidelines: The geographic area served is Miami County and the communities thereof.

Grant making areas of interest are:

- Education • Health • Human Services • Arts & Culture • Environmental
- Community Development • Recreation • Youth Development

The community foundation favors activities that:

- Reach a broad segment of the community, especially those whose needs are not currently being met.
- Request seed money to realize innovative opportunities to meet needs in the community.
- Stimulate and encourage additional funding.
- Promote cooperation and avoid duplication of effort.
- Help make a charitable organization more effective and efficient and better able to be self-sustaining.
- One-time projects or needs.

The community foundation places a lower priority on the following:

- Projects where the community foundation is the sole funder.
- Grants to any organization for the purpose of maintaining an ongoing operating budget or for public schools.

The Foundation will not consider grants for:

- Religious organizations for the sole purpose of furthering that religion. (this prohibition does not apply to funds created by donors who have specifically designated religious organizations as beneficiaries of the funds)*
- Political activities or those designated to influence legislation.
- National organizations. (unless the monies are to be used solely to benefit citizens of Miami County)
- Grants that directly benefit the donor or the donor's family.
- Contributions to endowments, except in the case of Sustainability Awards.

**Please contact us for information on other grant funds held by the foundation*