
MISSION

To ensure safe, adequate access to shelter, nutrition, healthcare, education, economic opportunity and a sustainable environment for all God's children.

PARTNER GRANT APPLICATION

YMCAs and JCCs should complete the one page YMCA/JCC grant application. Average amount for grants tends to fall into the range of \$500 to \$1,000. Please note that YMCA or JCC branches must apply for grants through their parent association as only one grant per year will be awarded to any single organization.

TIMELINE

Applications for grants are considered on a monthly basis. Please allow at least 45 days from application submission before inquiring on the status.

GUIDELINES

- I. Only one application per applicant will be accepted per calendar year. The submission must be from the corporate association level. Applications from branch locations or associated groups will not be considered.
- II. Grant applicants must be organizations qualified as 501 (c) 3 tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Service of the U.S. Treasury Department or an educational or governmental entity with tax-exempt status.
- III. The Foundation strongly considers funding efforts that are executed by nonprofits that have a **relationship** with us. The term **relationship** is more than just providing previous grants or being a customer. It means finding collaborative ways to expand our mutually shared mission. At the same time, we are interested in developing new relationships so do not look at this as a roadblock; it is an opportunity.
- IV. The Foundation is primarily interested in funding efforts ensuring safe, adequate access to the following areas:

Shelter, Nutrition and Healthcare

Providing shelter, a healthy diet and adequate healthcare for all are basic necessities for a stable society to thrive and are vital to helping to rebuild lives, livelihoods, families and communities.

Education

Sound basic education creates economic opportunity and enhances self-worth. Programs that give low-income/at-risk students educational opportunities to develop academically, to learn employer-valued skills and to build strong character are essential. In the context of community sustainability, the Foundation also is interested in programs and services that focus on tolerance, diversity and improving race relations.

Economic Opportunity

We are interested in ways to narrow the income gap by creating opportunities for the poor, especially the working poor, to develop skills to move out of poverty.

- V. The Foundation is more likely to support initiatives that lead to meaningful, positive behavioral and societal change. The Foundation will consider ***nontraditional, innovative, entrepreneurial efforts*** whose missions are sustainable and consistent with the Foundation's, as long as the organization seeking funding will work collaboratively with similar or complementary organizations.

- VI. Although not typically funded, the Foundation will consider on an individual basis requests for general operating support and long-term relationships with nonprofit partners in the form of multi-year conditional commitments, typically lasting three to five years.

- VII. The Foundation typically does not support one-time events or celebratory activities. Examples of this include awards dinners, golf tournaments, and open house celebrations. If an event benefits a cause, applicants should seek funding for the cause, not the event.

FUNDING EXCLUSIONS

The Foundation does not provide funding to:

- Arts for the general public
- Capital Campaigns or Permanent Endowment Funds
- Aid for domestic animals
- Religious organizations requesting funds for religious purposes
- Partisan political causes or candidates
- Individuals or organizations that benefit one individual or an individual's family

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Assessment of organization making grant request and the extent and quality of the Foundation's relationship with the organization
- Relevance to the Foundation's mission
- Evaluation of the program or service to be funded and relevance of its budget
- The effort's expected outcome and its direct benefit to the target population
- Potential for project to achieve its goals and outcomes and to be sustainable
- Overall impact as compared to all other applications