



Who can apply for a 2018 grant?

Organizations that:

- Are nonprofit, 501(c)(3) public charities in good standing, or charitable projects that are fiscally sponsored by a tax-exempt organization.
- Can demonstrate how their work transforms lives for residents in one or more of the 11 target zip codes that are concentrated in the western and south central parts of our community (specifically: 40202, 40203, 40208, 40210, 40211, 40212, 40213, 40214, 40215, 40219, 40118).
- Work to address one or more of the following: education, health, income, employment, or community development.
- Can describe a capacity building investment that will strengthen the organization's efficiency, effectiveness, or sustainability.

Please note:

- Organizations that received a 2017 Fund for Louisville capacity building grant are not eligible for a 2018 grant. However, prior recipients of Fund for Louisville capacity building grants may apply.

What capacity building projects are eligible for funding?

Unlike program or operations support, capacity building projects are intended to be one-time, transformative investments that can include, but are not limited to activities such as:

- Needs assessments
- Board and staff development/training
- Improvement to financial, internal communication or data management systems
- Technology upgrades
- Planning required for merger or collaboration

How can I apply?

The application process begins with a Letter of Intent, which will be posted on our grant application website and shared with the nonprofit community starting in late June 2017. After review, selected organizations will be asked to submit a full application. Grantees will be selected and announced

in December 2017 for capacity building projects to begin in January 2018.

In addition, information sessions will be held in July to provide an overview of the Letter of Intent and answer questions from potential applicants. Dates will be posted here and shared widely when confirmed.

Grant Application Website: Please log into the Foundation's grant website to view and submit the Letter of Intent, when available.

How many grants will be awarded?

The amount available to support 2018 capacity building grants will be posted here in late June. In the past four years, we have awarded an average of \$300,000 each year, with a maximum grant size of \$20,000.

How are grantees selected?

A grant review committee, comprised of members from the Community Foundation's Board of Directors, staff, partner foundations, and community volunteers will be responsible for evaluating applications and recommending grantees to the Foundation's full Board. The review committee will seek to support as many organizations as possible with the funds available that:

- Are clearly transforming lives in one or more of the 11 target zip codes
- Have a capacity building need that is timely, well planned, and will have impact that is able to be measured or recognized by the organization.

In addition:

- The Community Foundation will calculate the average annual revenue of all applicants, and will award at least half of the available grant funds to organizations whose annual revenue is less than average
- Grant requests must pay for between 50%-100% of the proposed capacity building budget
- The Foundation will fully fund selected grant requests (it will not provide partial awards)

The Community Foundation of Louisville reserves the right to modify the Fund for Louisville Grants Program to best meet the needs of the community.