

GUIDELINES FOR GRANT SEEKERS

Bowling Green Community Foundation

The Bowling Green Community Foundation, Inc is a public charitable organization created by the citizens of the city of Bowling Green to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in the city of Bowling Green.

Eligibility

To be eligible, an organization must provide services to residents of the city of Bowling Green. Grants will only be awarded to tax-exempt organizations classified as 501 (c)(3) charities by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If a program does not have a tax-exempt ruling from the IRS you may still apply for a grant if you have a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.

In 2026, The Bowling Green Community Foundation, Inc. will be making grants to nonprofit organizations for programs and activities beginning January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027. The grant distribution region includes the Bowling Green zip code of 43402 and 43403 and school district areas. Applications may be submitted in the range of \$1 to \$7,500, thereby allowing numerous organizations to benefit.

GRANT REVIEW CRITERIA

The Bowling Green Community Foundation will place priority consideration on proposals which:

- Propose creative, first-time projects or programs for the community.
- Encourage more efficient use of community resources.
- Promote collaboration, coordination, cooperation and sharing among organizations.
- Test or demonstrate new approaches and techniques in the solution of community problems.
- Represent a unique and unduplicated opportunity and meet a significant community need.
- Propose a specific program in detail.
- Generate matching funds, thus leveraging additional support.
- Include a concise plan for sustainability for the project once Foundation funds are expended.

The Bowling Green Community Foundation will **NOT** make grants from its unrestricted funds to:

- Duplicate 2026 approved grant requests.
- Support the general operating budget of established organizations.
- Fund expenses for travel, room and board.
- Support annual or capital campaigns.
- Support sectarian activities of religious organizations.
- Support projects already completed.