

Grant Research:

UNFoundation:

- Up to \$3000
- Make sure application has detailed budget
- Tell what impact the project will have (5 people, 50 people, 1 person)
- Outline how you are going to choose who gets to attend or how group will be selected
- Explain why program is needed and how you know your audience actually needs your help
- Application takes 20 minutes, online on their website.
- Winner of grant is selected monthly
- To apply go to: theunfoundation.org/apply

Benwood Foundation:

- From their website: "While we do not accept unsolicited grant requests, we are eager to find long-term, strategic partners that work within our priority areas. Potential partners will be invited to submit a proposal. All proposals are reviewed at our quarterly Trustee meetings. For more information, contact Marsha Orr: 423-267-4311 or morr@benwood.org."

Lyndhurst Foundation:

- Unsolicited proposals will not be eligible for consideration
- Potential partners will be invited to submit grant proposals
 - Describe the program of work to be undertaken
 - Indicate the desired level of funding
 - List the results that should be achieved
 - Define the means by which the project outcomes will be evaluated
- Narrative section of proposal should be limited to three pages and include the following attachments:
 - A description of the sponsoring organization
 - A list of the board of directors and staff
 - A copy of the organization's annual budget (both income and expenditures)
 - An estimated project budget with line items
 - A copy of the organization's tax-exempt ruling from the Internal Revenue Service
- Quarterly meetings occur in: February, May, August, and November

- Proposals are due 6 weeks prior to board meeting dates
 - Next meeting date: November 16th (Proposal due September 30th)
- For further information, please contact Catherine Cox at 423-756-0767

Community Foundation:

- Accepts unsolicited proposals ONCE per year for either capacity building or multi-year needs
- Application process:
 - Call or email foundation staff with an idea
 - Complete an internal self-assessment and then meet with foundation staff to discuss their organization and funding needs
 - Complete and application through the online grants management system
 - Staff may decline application, defer the application to a future cycle, or schedule a site visit to learn more about organization
 - Applicants revise their application and submit it for consideration
 - Funding decisions are communicated and follow-up reporting assigned
- Application timeline:
 - Contact office to discuss this. Application deadline is 5:00 EDT on the day of the deadline.
- Capacity Building Grants
 - Limited funding for one-time project needs
 - Requested amount determined through consultation with program staff
 - Annual funding opportunity
 - Applicants must demonstrate how funding will enhance their capacity to meet their mission and address the foundation's priority areas
- Multi-year Grants
 - Up to three years of unrestricted funding
 - Highly competitive
 - Applicants must submit current strategic plan and audit
 - Grantees will be asked to reflect on how their organization's mission-related activities have advanced the Foundation's priority areas during the grant period and report on the results achieved within the grant period as outlined in the organization's strategic plan.
- What the Foundation looks for in an organization seeking grants:

- Clear organizational vision with goals and a written plan on how to achieve those goals
- Necessary leadership, staff skills, and experience for successful plan execution
- Capacity to measure organizational and program success and to apply learning for continuous improvement
- Organizational decision-making strategy that engages those being served
- Solid financial practices related to budgeting, forecasting and reporting to the board, and a financial plan to support the organization's strategic plan goals.
- Demonstrated knowledge of national trends in the field and use of best practices
- An elected, engaged Board of Directors representing the diversity and demographics of the community served, including individuals with varied skill sets and the committee structure necessary to succeed
- Collaborative relationships that enhance the organization's ability to serve the community
- A broad base of community and financial support demonstrating organizational sustainability

ArtsBuild:

- Grants are available to local arts organizations of all sizes, non-arts organizations, as well as special grants to select individual artists
- For inquires about all grant programs, please contact Rodney Van Valkenburg (President – Interim) at 423-777-4214 or rodney@artsbuild.com
- Mission Support Grant
 - Replace the Cultural Partner grant program and are designed to support access to the arts by providing general operating funds to eligible organizations that have arts at the center of their mission
 - Application deadline was March 29, 2019
- Community Cultural Connections Grant
 - Program which makes arts and culture more accessible to underserved populations, inclusive of geographic area, ethnicity, age, and individuals with disabilities.
 - Rolling grant deadline – funds are available until they have been depleted for the year
 - Visit: artsbuild.gosmart.org to apply for this grant online.

- “We are now accepting Community Cultural Connections FY20 grand applications. We are accepting new applications for projects taking place after July 1, 2019.”
- Arts Build Communities Grants
 - Objective – build communities by nurturing artists, arts organizations, and art supporters in each of TN’s 95 counties.
 - Go to Tennessee Art’s Commission’s website for more information
- Equity in the Arts Grants
 - To support local Black and Latino artists