

Announcing New Grant Guidelines

In April 2018, Steuben County Community Foundation hosted a gathering of Steuben County nonprofits facilitated by Dr. Kelly Trusty from Trine University. The goal of this workshop was to listen to your successes, challenges, and suggestions for how SCCF can better support your work. This feedback was instrumental in the development of our nonprofit capacity building series, and it also led us to re-examine our grantmaking. SCCF works with donors who want to support local programs and needs in a way that is efficient and effective. We've heard from local nonprofits that you need the opportunity to receive funding for existing projects as well as flexible, multi-year funding for bigger initiatives. SCCF board members and staff spent the last year researching and engaging in conversations with other foundations to create new grant guidelines that will allow us to better serve the needs of local nonprofits and honor the intentions of our donors.

As of July 1, 2020, SCCF grant proposals will be reviewed using new grant guidelines. In addition to more clear explanations of eligibility for nonprofits, the new guidelines also outline a brand new grant cycle – Impact Grants. The goal of the Impact Grant Cycle is to offer multi-year grant support for larger programs that are innovative, collaborative, and sustainable in nature.

To prepare grantees for these new guidelines, SCCF is offering a series of workshops in Spring 2020. Attendance at a minimum of two of these workshops is required for any nonprofits who plan to apply for an Impact Grant. Links to RSVP are on our website at <http://steubenfoundation.org/nonprofit-events>.

You may download the new grant guidelines from our website now at <http://steubenfoundation.org/grants/>. These guidelines will take effect in time for the new Health and Human Services cycle in July 2020 and will impact all grant cycles going forward. They **do not** apply to spring 2020 requests, including the January 2020 Education cycle or the April 2020 Arts and Culture, Environment, Recreation, Community Development, and Other cycle.

We recognize that change is hard and applying for grants can be challenging. Our goal for these new guidelines is to better support your nonprofit as you make a difference in Steuben County. We encourage each grantee to read the new guidelines, attend these workshops, and ask questions. If you'd like to sign up for our monthly nonprofit newsletter, in which we share updates and tips that are relevant to Steuben county nonprofits, go to <http://bit.ly/NpNewsletter> or contact our Communications Director at jness@steubenfoundation.org.

2020-2021 Grant Cycles:

- Education: Applications due January 31
- Arts & Culture, Environment, Recreation, Community Development, Other: Applications due April 30
- Health & Human Services: Applications due July 31
- Impact Grants: Letter of Inquiry due August 15, select groups invited to submit applications due October 15
- Women's Fund: Applications due in February, May, June, August, and October
- Humanities Fund: Applications considered throughout the year
- Community Funds: Angola, Ashley-Hudson, Clear Lake, Fremont, Hamilton, Helmer, Metz, Orland, Pleasant Lake, and Salem Center: Applications considered throughout the year