

Capital Grants

Akron Community Foundation invites capital improvement grant applications from local nonprofit organizations. Capital grants support construction, expansion, upgrades, or renovations of existing structures or equipment that help organizations fulfill their missions.

What We Support

We prioritize projects that:

- Address safety needs for staff or the people organizations serve
- Advance the [foundation's strategic priorities](#) in arts and culture, civic affairs, health and human services, and education, as well as priorities identified through the local Community Needs Assessment
- Serve people and communities experiencing historic inequalities and limited access to funding
- Reflect meaningful community involvement in shaping project priorities
- Demonstrate strong board engagement and financial commitment
- Incorporate green building and sustainable development practices
- Have secured at least 50% of total project costs at the time of application

Funding for Grants

Capital grants are funded primarily through Akron Community Foundation's board discretionary funds, with a total pool of \$350,000. Individual grants range from \$2,500 to \$25,000.

Applying for or receiving a capital grant does not affect your organization's eligibility for Akron Community Foundation's quarterly grant cycles or affiliate fund grant processes.

Eligibility

To be eligible, organizations must:

- Be located in Summit County, OH
- Have a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS
- Have been in operation for five years or more
- Be a current (FY 2025 and 2026) grantee of Akron Community Foundation community funds or one of its affiliate funds, or hold an agency endowment fund
- Not have received a capital grant award during the [2024 ACF capital grant cycle](#)
- Be able to provide a current organizational budget, a capital project budget, and a Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

What We Do Not Fund

Akron Community Foundation's capital grants do not support:

- Organizations or individuals applying with a fiscal sponsor
- Sports clubs, leagues, booster clubs, parent-teacher associations, or athletic facilities
- Hospitals or other large healthcare institutions
- Public or private educational institutions
- Religious organizations for religious purposes — projects that serve the full community regardless of religious affiliation may be eligible
- Endowment campaigns
- Annual fundraising campaigns or general operating expenses

- One-time or special events
- Reimbursement of costs for projects that have already been completed
- Capital projects that have already received a grant through ACF's capital cycle

Application Process

Grant proposals must be submitted through the capital grant application form available on our online portal at goapply2.akoyago.com/akroncf. Only one application per organization will be accepted. Other proposal formats will not be accepted. All applications are reviewed by Community Investment staff.

The application portal opens **May 1, 2026**, and applications are due at **11:59 p.m. on June 1, 2026**.

Grants are approved by Akron Community Foundation's Board of Directors on **September 18, 2026**. You will be notified of your status by email shortly after. Please do not apply if your project requires funding before **September 18, 2026**.

Awarded funds are distributed within four weeks after organizations complete **both** the Signed Agreement and Request for Payment forms through the online application database.

Award recipients are required to submit a summary of grant-related activities along with a financial statement at the end of the grant year.

For Additional Information

Community Investment staff welcomes questions or additional inquiries about eligibility. Feel free to contact any of our staff:

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