



Women's Endowment Fund Grant Application Questions

Applying for a Women's Endowment Fund grant is easy with our online application system. Applications open 30 days prior to the deadline and include the following questions:

Project Information

- **Project Name**
Please begin the project name with "to support..." or "for..." (e.g. "to support financial education programs for women in Summit County" or "for general operating support"). Also, please do not include your organization name in the project name and only capitalize proper nouns.
Character Limit: 100

- **Project Description**
Describe your program/project in one paragraph without using double spaces or bullet points. This area may be seen by other potential funders, so please include the most important aspects of your request.
Character Limit: 700

- **Amount Requested**
Character Limit: 20

- **Are you using a Fiscal Sponsor?**
Yes/No

- **Fiscal Sponsor Name**
If you are using a fiscal sponsor, you will also need to upload a fiscal sponsor letter of support.
Character Limit: 100

- **Type of Program**
 - Economic empowerment:
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Building assets
 - Financial literacy
 - Workforce development
 - Enabling mothers to work productively
 - Safety from violence:
 - Domestic violence
 - Sexual assault
 - Childhood sexual abuse
 - Raising awareness/preventing violence
 - Developing a coordinated response to violence
 - Health & Wellness:
 - Awareness, education, prevention
 - Mental health
 - Reproductive health



- Teen pregnancy
- Access to treatment
- Obesity prevention/control
- Nutrition & physical fitness

If your program falls under more than one category, please select "Combination."

Organization Information

If you are using a fiscal sponsor, the organization information needs to be for the sponsoring organization. For more information on using a fiscal sponsor, please visit our website.

- Organization's mission
Character Limit: 500

- Organization's budgeted expenses for the project year
This number should match the budgeted numbers provided in the organization budget you attach below. Character Limit: 20
Please attach a one-page operating budget from which this project will be applied. The total budgeted amount should equal the number you supplied in the field above.
File Size Limit: 3 MB

- Fiscal year end for budgeted numbers above

- Endowment size, if applicable

- Organization's major funding sources
For this section, please include your main categories of funding by percentage.
Example: Foundations – 25%; Government – 25%; Earned Income – 25%; Endowment – 15%; Individual Contributions/Fundraisers – 10%
Percentages should equal 100%.
Character Limit: 250

- Evidence of organization's overall effectiveness
How do you know you are effective as an organization? What are your most important outcomes?
Character Limit: 500

Proposal Summary

- Type of Request
 - Capital
 - Capacity-Building
 - Operating
 - Program/Project
 - Other (if other, please specify)

- Total Budget for Project
Character Limit: 20



- Program/project budget
Please include all revenue sources and expense line items and differentiate between cash and in-kind support. (If this is a request for operating support, please attach the prior year organizational budget instead of a program/project budget.)
File Size Limit: 3 MB
- Total number of people to be served under this program/project
Please include unduplicated numbers, if possible.
Character Limit: 10
- Anticipated program/project start date
Grant distributions are generally made 6-8 weeks after the proposal due date.
Character Limit: 10
- Anticipated program/project end date
Funds must be expended within two years of grant award.
Character Limit: 10
- Brief demographic description of population served by this program/project
Examples: female students in a specific neighborhood, etc.
Character Limit: 100
- Describe how your project is different from or similar to existing projects at other organizations
This question and the following question are designed to give committee members an understanding of how your organization/project fits in to the bigger picture of programs and services in our county.
Character Limit: 800
- Describe how your organization will partner with other agencies and/or community collaborations
Character Limit: 800

Community Need

- What is the challenge or need that will be addressed and how will the community benefit?
Essentially, WHY do you do what you do?
Character Limit: 500
- What is the research, local statistics or evidence that shows this need or benefit exists?
How do you know this work needs to be done?
Character Limit: 800
- How is your organization positioned to address this need or benefit?
For this one, take a moment to really consider what is necessary to adequately address the need and what your organization has to offer. If you are not positioned to fully address the need, determine if there are partnerships you can enter into to get greater outcomes for your demographic.
Character Limit: 500

Goals, Outcomes and Evaluation

- Brief description of goals and objectives for program/project
These should be specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-based activities. What exactly do you plan to do with this funding?
Character Limit: 800
- Specific, anticipated outcomes of program/project
What CHANGES do you expect will happen as a result of conducting the above activities? It is preferable to focus on the changes in your demographic, but an organizational outcome is OK too. If a grant is received, you will be required to report on your progress toward these outcomes.
Character Limit: 800
- How will outcomes be measured, over what time frame, and who will measure them?
How will you know the above changes have occurred?
Character Limit: 800
- Evidence of use of best practices
For example, is this program/project based on a program that has been shown to be effective in other settings? Is it based on national standards?
Character Limit: 500

Funding Plans

- List of other funders to whom this proposal has been and will be submitted
For each funder, please specify status of request, amount and date received.
Character Limit: 800
- If this will be an ongoing program/project, describe plans for continued funding
Do you plan to come back to the Women's Endowment Fund next year for the same amount? If not, how will you support the project?
Character Limit: 500

Required Attachments

- List of key staff and board members
Please attach a list of key staff, board members with affiliations, and officers summarized on one page.
File Size Limit: 2 MB
- Financial audit
Please attach the opening letter from your last financial audit, if applicable. This is generally the first page of the audit. If you do not have an audit, please leave this attachment empty.
File Size Limit: 3 MB
- Fiscal Sponsor Letter of Support
If applicable, please upload your fiscal sponsor's letter of support. The letter should describe how the fiscal sponsor plans to be involved, including management of the funds and level of project oversight.
File Size Limit: 2 MB



Note: We make an effort to limit the amount of material our committee members have to review. If you have additional material you would like to submit, please send it to a community investment staff member for review.

Questions?

This is not an application. If you wish to apply, or for more information, contact John Garofalo, vice president of community investment, at 330-436-5624 or jgarofalo@akroncf.org.

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