



GRANTMAKING OVERVIEW AND APPLICATION

MISSION

The Char and Chuck Fowler Family Foundation is committed to helping create an equitable Northeast Ohio. We do this by funding and partnering with organizations that elevate community assets, dismantle barriers to opportunity, and create a vibrant environment.

VISION

The Char and Chuck Fowler Family Foundation envisions a society in which every person can live their version of a fulfilling life, with unconditional access to opportunity, justice, and a thriving community.

What We Fund

Day-to-day operations are vital to the programming that our grantees deliver. Therefore, we encourage requests for general operating support to advance the work of individual organizations.

Although we encourage general operating support grants, we recognize that nonprofits know best what types of funds they need. That being said, we award grants for all of the following purposes:

- Operating support (encouraged!)
- Programmatic support
- Policy and advocacy
- Capacity building, for both staff and board
- Capital support, on a limited basis

Where We Fund

Our grantees serve residents of Northeast Ohio, generally those residing in Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties. Requests from organizations that are located outside this area, yet serve the communities within these boundaries, will be considered.



Who Can Apply

To be eligible for support, an organization must be:

- 501(c)(3) tax-exempt or operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a tax-exempt nonprofit
- Consistent with one or more of our grantmaking focus areas
- Operated and organized so that it does not discriminate in the hiring of staff or provision of services on the basis of race, religion, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability

We will prioritize applicants that can demonstrate a thoughtful, inclusive and equitable approach to their work and involvement within the communities they serve.

Important Deadlines

We offer two separate grant processes, depending on the amount of your request:

- Smaller requests of \$1,000 - \$4,000 may apply to our monthly deadline, where the typical turnaround time is about 30 days.
- Requests of \$4,000 or more will follow the first step of submitting a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) via our online process. LOIs that closely align with our funding focus areas will be invited to submit a full proposal during one of our two grant cycles each year.



How to Apply for a Grant

Visit our website for more information at fowlerfamilyfdn.org.

Contact Us

For more information on the Foundation's focus areas, qualifications or application process, please email Bridget De Leon, director of grantmaking, at bridget@fowlerfamilyfdn.org.