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A. The YSCF Grant Funding Principles

1. What We Fund (for GRC and public/grant writers)

   a. Grant recipients are 501c3 organizations or are sponsored by a 501c3 organization. The areas of funding interest are per YSCF field of interest endowment funds for grants, in addition to YSCF strategic areas of focus.

   b. Core to YSCF and GRC grant funds, but not entirely limited to:
      i. Arts
      ii. Affordable housing
      iii. Collaborations Among Nonprofit Organizations
      iv. Community
      v. Environment
      vi. Education
      vii. Farmland preservation
      viii. Health & Wellness
      ix. Seniors
      x. Social justice, food insecurity, etc.
      xi. Village and Collage collaboration

   c. Per YSCF articles of incorporation, generally, to assist, encourage, and promote the well-being of the citizens of the Village of Yellow Springs and Miami Township.

   d. Generally, we prefer to fund a variety of projects or needs within the Village and Township, such that the same organizations are not getting all or most of the grant funds every year.

   e. Collaborations on projects or initiatives among local organizations is highly encouraged and can give the grant request more weight than those that serve a small population or one organization.

   f. Capacity building grants (computers, software, etc.) that are generally one-time requests.

2. What We Generally Do Not Fund (for GRC and public/grant writers):

   a. Projects that are narrowly focused in impact and number of participants
   b. General organizational operations and ongoing programs
   c. Individuals (for personal benefit)
   d. Operational deficits or reduced or lost funding
   e. Sectarian* activities of religious organizations
   f. Annual fundraising drives, ceremonies.
   g. Hospitals, universities and colleges for internal programs
   h. Matching grants (unless local dollars are needed to fulfill a condition for a state or federal grant)
   i. Multi-year or large-dollar requests (unless they are Grants Committee and Governing Board initiatives)
   j. Publications, books, reports, research papers

   • Sectarian: Strong support of specific religious beliefs, doctrines, etc. that can cause problems for other groups.

For questions and additional support please contact admin@yscf.org. The YSCF looks forward to working with you on your grant request. Together we can do more. Join Us!