



# Grant Making Norms Grants Review Committee

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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):

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

- 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](mailto:admin@yscf.org). The YSCF looks forward to working with you on your grant request. **Together we can do more. Join Us!**