

# YSCF Grant Making Guidelines 2020

Adopted May 27, 2020

In an effort to best serve our community's changing needs, the YSCF Grant Review Committee (GRC) is making changes in our grant-making model.

Key elements include 1) a change to a quarterly process with available annual funding to be divided equally across the quarters, and 2) a focus for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19 on four main areas supporting nonprofits: staff well-being, health and safety, innovation / hibernation costs, and strategic consulting support. The grant-making norms as established in 2019 (see appendix) remain in effect.

## Quarterly Process:

The GRC will transition to four grant cycles per year beginning in June, 2020.

Open Cycle	Close Cycle	Review / Decision	Funding
June 1, 2020*	June 30, 2020	July 1 - 30	August 10
July 1, 2020	August 30, 2020	September 1 - 30	October 10
September 1, 2020	October 31, 2020	November 1 - 30	December 10
December 1, 2020	February 28, 2021	March 1 - 30	April 10, 2021
March 1, 2021	May 31, 2021	June 1 - 30	July 10, 2021
June 1, 2021	August 31, 2021	September 1 - 30	October 10, 2021
September 1, 2021	October 31, 2021	November 1 - 30	December 10, 2021

*\*Notification will be provided to the nonprofits of the change in process and the June 1-30 grant cycle via email, YS News posting, the YSCF website, and the YSCF newsletter.*

## Funding Process:

General funding available for the balance of 2020 is at \$2,500.00 **maximum** per application with one application accepted from an organization in a 12-month period.

Available funds for grant-making will be divided equally across four quarters with the distribution of available funds. For June - December 2020, the May available funds will be divided by three to support the three funding cycles.

## Areas of Support:

*Staff Well-being* examples include: supporting retention of staff, facilitating access to remote work, training employees; funding will *not* include payroll-related expenses.

*Areas of Support continued:*

*Health and Safety* examples include: cleaning supplies or services, hand sanitizer, personal protective products; funding will *not* include medical costs or over-the-counter medicine.

*Innovation / Hibernation Cost* examples include the costs of: downsizing or temporarily suspending the organization's operations; new operating or process methods to allow the organization to continue to serve the community; technology or other purchases or upgrades to meet the new environment.

*Strategic Consulting Support* examples include: review of the organization's mission in today's environment, such as transitioning to a (more) sustainable model; review of the organization's finances and support structures; assistance with operational shutdown requirements.

Support:

Please contact the Foundation Program Manager to review grant application proposals for guidance or for questions. [yscf@YSCF.org](mailto:yscf@YSCF.org) or [Kat@YSCF.org](mailto:Kat@YSCF.org)

Continuation:

The GRC and the YSCF Board may review and revise this grant making model and the Grant Funding Principles as deemed necessary to meet the community's changing needs.

## APPENDIX

*Ratified by unanimous Board resolution; April 2019*

### **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 and Food Security
  - iii. Collaborations Among Nonprofit Organizations
  - iv. Community Collaboration
  - v. Environment
  - vi. Education
  - vii. Farmland preservation
  - viii. Health & Wellness
  - ix. Seniors
  - x. Social justice
- 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.

#### *The YSCF Grant Funding Principles Continued:*

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

#### **2. What We Generally Do NotFund (for GRC and public/grant writers):**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Projects that are narrowly focused in impact and number of participants</li> <li>b. General organizational operations and ongoing programs</li> <li>c. Individuals (for personal benefit)</li> <li>d. Operational deficits or reduced or lost funding</li> <li>e. Sectarian* activities of religious organizations</li> <li>f. Annual fundraising drives, ceremonies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g. Hospitals, universities and colleges for internal programs</li> <li>h. Matching grants (unless local dollars are needed to fulfill a condition for a state or federal grant)</li> <li>i. Multi-year or large-dollar requests (unless they are Grants Committee and Governing Board initiatives)</li> <li>j. Publications, books, reports, research papers</li> </ul>
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· 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!**