

YSCF Grant Making Guidelines 2021

Updated February 18, 2021

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 Grant Review Process:

The GRC now meets quarterly to review standard grant applications.

Grant deadline	GRC meets	Decision	Funding
December 31, 2020	January 23, 2021 (4 th Sat)	February 18, 2021	February 26, 2021
March 31, 2021	April 24, 2021	May 20, 2021	May 28, 2021
June 30, 2021	July 24, 2021	August 19, 2021	August 27, 2021
September 30 2021	October 23, 2021	November 18, 2021	November 24, 2021

Funding Process:

Standard grant funding available for 2021 is generally limited to once per organization within a 12-month period.

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: 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.

A. The YSCF Grant Funding Principles

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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. The YSCF looks forward to working with you on your grant request. **Together we can do more. Join Us!**