



FY21 Strategic Grants

Application Period: July 15, 2020 to August 15, 2020

This grant cycle allows applicants to apply for grants to support services related to the Community Foundation's 2019 Strategic Initiatives. Multiple applications are permitted.

Please note: the term "Applicant" as used throughout this notice refers to the organization that is applying for grant funding.

To apply for funding under these Strategic Initiatives, applicants must identify project or service outcomes for programs, organizations, or systems that address:

- Supporting families with children
 - Continue or increase opportunities for all families with children to thrive in Frederick County
 - Continue or increase stability and opportunities for growth in families with children whose household earnings are below the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) threshold
- Preparing for a growing aging population
 - Continue or increase ability for seniors to age in place in the most optimal and appropriate environment
 - Continue or increase access to information and resources on aging for current seniors, rising seniors, and their caregivers
- Responding to Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
 - Continue or increase access to timely and qualified treatment and recovery options for individuals experiencing SUD
 - Continue or increase provision of SUD-related education and prevention programs
 - Continue or increase capacity for collecting and analyzing data related to people impacted by SUD and the programs that serve them

The FY21 Strategic Grant Cycle is the first year that the Community Foundation will provide program or operating grants exclusively in support of these initiatives, with prior strategic areas no longer being funded. Projects should focus on continuing or increasing essential services or innovative program development.

Grant Amounts

At least \$280,000 will be available for grantmaking

Minimum request: \$1,000

Maximum request: n/a

Grant Period

Grants must be used during the period of November 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022.

Grant Disbursement

Grants will be disbursed in one payment during the first month of the grant period. Funding is restricted to supporting activities and expenses outlined in the grant application. The Community Foundation reserves the right to request financial documentation of expenditures throughout the grant period and up to six months following the close of the grant period.

Applicants awarded grants must return any unused monies at the end of the grant period or the Community Foundation requires the return of the grant if the conditions of the grant are not met.

Reporting Requirements

Interim Report deadline is July 15, 2021. Interim reports ask for information regarding the funded project's progress and use of grant funds.

Final Report Deadline is April 15, 2022. Final reports ask for information regarding the funded project's impact and use of grant funds.

Eligible Organizations

The Community Foundation administers grants to organizations providing direct benefits to Frederick County, Maryland. All applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered for a grant.

The applicant must be:

- An already existing nonprofit, 501c3 organization in good standing with the IRS.
- A government/quasi-governmental agency applying for an extraordinary project that is not funded by tax revenue.
- A religious organization requesting funding for non-sectarian activities.
- A civic group that is not a 501c3 organization requesting funding for a community cause.

In addition, 501c3 organizations must be in good standing at the time of application with:

- Maryland Secretary of State's charitable division: <http://sos.maryland.gov/Charity/Pages/SearchCharity.aspx>
- Department of Assessment & Taxation's Maryland Personal Property tax division: <https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpress/EntitySearch>
- IRS, as assessed via GuideStar's Charity Check: <https://www.guidestar.org/Home.aspx>

For more information on Maryland's nonprofit requirements, please visit <http://sos.maryland.gov/Charity/Pages/Non-Profit-Organization.aspx>

Required Financial Information

Grant applications must attach a budget that details all income sources, including pending, and all planned expenditure categories for the project. The budget should show how funds requested from the Community Foundation will be used. An organizational budget may be an acceptable substitute for a program or project budget, if grant will be used to support a broad spectrum of services for the applicant.

In addition, grant applications must include financial information for the applicant as a whole.

- Applicants with annual charitable contributions less than \$300,000 are required to complete a prescribed financial form as part of the grant application. Faith-based applicants and applicants who are chapters of a “parent” organization must also complete this financial form if they do not have their own audit or independent financial review. Quasi-government agencies applying must also complete the prescribed financial form.
- Applicants with charitable contributions over \$300,000 but less than \$750,000 must upload a financial review performed by an independent certified public accountant within the last year.
- Applicants with charitable contributions over \$750,000 must upload their most current audit performed by an independent certified public accountant.

Both a [sample budget](#) and the prescribed [financial form](#) are found on the Community Foundation’s website as downloadable documents.

QUESTIONS?

Questions about the FY21 Grants Program may be directed to: Community.Impact@FrederickCountyGives.org