



GRANT SEEKERS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I tell if my organization and project are eligible for Children's Foundation funding?

Before developing and submitting a Letter of Inquiry, please review specific grant program eligibility requirements and grant guidelines on the Grant Seekers pages.

Do we need to submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI)?

Yes. See Grant Process details on Grant Seekers page of website.

Is there a limit on the size of an organization's budget?

No, there is not a limit on the size of an organization's budget. However, an organization may not apply for a grant that is larger than 20% of its annual operating budget.

Can an organization submit Letters of Inquiry for different projects?

Yes! Organizations can submit multiple LOIs for different projects. However, it's important to note that the Children's Foundation typically awards only one grant per organization per grant cycle. Our Impact Team is available to provide feedback on multiple ideas submitted through the LOI process, helping to identify which project(s) should advance to the application phase, if any.

Does the Children's Foundation allow for two-year grants?

No, but organizations can submit for a second grant after the completion of the initial grant.

What percent of the project budget may be allocated toward indirect costs?

The Foundation does not pay for indirect costs except for limited fringe benefits, including health, personal and/or medical benefits. The allowable fringe benefit expense may not exceed the lesser of 25 percent of the salary subtotal figure or the actual cost of the fringe benefits.

If you have questions regarding our grant, will you contact us for additional information to clarify any questions you may have?

We have time for Q&A and gathering information built into the review period. The Children's Foundation's goal is for you to have the strongest application possible, so we will follow up with you during the review process as necessary.

Who can I contact to discuss my idea for an LOI?

If you would like to discuss one or multiple ideas and/or plans before you submit your LOI, please email Grants@YourChildrensFoundation.org

When will I receive a response from the Foundation about my LOI?

You should receive next steps within 3 weeks of submitting an LOI. Submitting. An LOI does not guarantee the organization will be invited to submit a grant application.

Once our organization is invited to submit a grant application, what documents do I need to include?

Please see the Grants Process Section.

Where does the Children's Foundation fund?

We provide grants to organizations in Michigan, with a focus on Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

If you do not see the answers you are looking for, please email your question to: Grants@YourChildrensFoundation.org.