

Granville Foundation

# 2012 COMPETITIVE GRANT GUIDELINES

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### OVERVIEW

The Granville Foundation provides grants, scholarships, and direct aid to non-profit organizations and individuals to assist in enhancing quality of life in a community encompassing the village, township, and school district of Granville, Ohio. Ordinarily, the Foundation directs the preponderance of its assistance to non-profit organizations through an annual grant award competition. Stipends typically range between \$2,000 and \$10,000 and support a wide range of community interests in the arts, culture, education, and social services.

### PRIORITIES: POLICY STATEMENT FOR GRANTMAKING

The Granville Foundation funds its grant awards through an endowment built through legacy bequests and an annual fund campaign supported by residents, commercial and non-profit institutions. Decisions about the thrust of the Foundation's grant program rest in the hands of term-limited directors on a board representing both the community at large and its principal governmental and educational institutions. Decisions are guided by an evolving assessment of community needs. Presently, priority is being given to grant applicants seeking support for projects or programs which:

- Make a clear difference in the quality of life for a substantial number of people
- Enrich the cultural opportunities afforded to community residents
- Preserve the community's history
- Provide residents targeted social support not available from other sources
- Bolster the capacity of organizations to serve the elderly and disadvantaged
- Enhance the attractiveness of public spaces
- Propose innovative and creative solutions to difficult community challenges
- Broaden the life experiences of community youth

### THE GRANT AWARD CYCLE

The Granville Foundation ordinarily announces its annual grant competition in December each year. Organizations seeking assistance typically are given 45 days thereafter to prepare a formal application. Applications typically are reviewed in mid-February, and awards are announced in early March. Organizations interested in seeking a grant award are encouraged to discuss their interests with board members in advance of submitting an application for assistance.

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### ELIGIBILITY

The Foundation accepts grant applications from:

- Charitable non-profit organizations that have been declared 501(c)(3) public charities by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Charitable organizations must have a governing board, and conduct business without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, age, disability or national origin.
- Faith-based organizations proposing activities with a well-defined secular purpose and not requiring participation in religious activities or instruction.
- Educational Institutions proposing initiatives officially sanctioned by their governing board or chief executive officer.
- Public or quasi-public local government agencies seeking assistance for projects important to the community for which funding is unavailable through government funding.
- Previous grantees that have fulfilled their obligations successfully and that have complied with all reporting requirements.
- Exclusively organizations operating or proposing to operate projects or programs primarily for the benefit of persons living within the several political jurisdictions comprising the community of Granville, Ohio.

### RESTRICTIONS

The Granville Foundation ordinarily does not award competitive grants to:

- Individuals
- Religious organizations for projects having religious purposes
- State government agencies
- Private foundations
- Re-granting organizations
- Public agencies for mandated services
- Political organizations
- Lobbying activities
- Projects seeking support for major capital needs

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### CONSIDERATIONS: WHAT WE FUND

- Increasing the capacity of nonprofits to respond to community needs
- Programs or projects scheduled to take place during calendar 2012
- Start-up costs for new programs
- One-time projects or needs
- Capital needs beyond an applicant's capabilities and means
- Grant proposals that exhibit a diversification of funding sources
- Grant proposals that delineate plans for future funding
- Collaborative projects leveraging the capabilities of multiple organizations

### WHAT WE ARE UNLIKELY TO FUND

The Granville Foundation cannot respond favorably to all worthwhile causes. In general, we are unlikely to support:

- Academic research
- Advertising and sponsorships
- Annual campaigns, scholarship and endowment campaigns
- Budget deficits
- Debt retirement or restructuring
- Full funding for a program/project
- Fundraising
- Feasibility studies
- General organizational operations
- Expenses for regularly recurring events
- Purposes which are a public sector responsibility
- Replacement of government funding
- Tickets for benefits
- Travel and conference attendance
- Work or projects that have already taken place

### MULTIPLE OR REPEAT SUBMISSIONS

Each organization is limited to one grant proposal for consideration during a single grant cycle. If a proposal does not receive funding, it cannot be resubmitted for future consideration unless there have been significant changes in either the organization or proposal.

### INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS

Applications that do not contain all the requested information may be denied.