

THE DEFIANCE AREA FOUNDATION
GRANT GUIDELINES

Defiance Area Foundation Grants are thoroughly reviewed by The Foundation's Board of Trustees, a group of 18 community leaders who each serve three-year terms. The principal funds of The Foundation have remained intact and grown. Only the income generated by the principal is distributed for grant requests. It is the intention of the Board of Trustees that grantee organizations will not become solely dependent on Foundation monies to fund projects and programs and that broad based community support is important to the long-term success of any program or project.

In order to make the wisest possible use of available funds, The Defiance Area Foundation, Inc. provides the following Guidelines:

Grant Seekers:

- Should be classified as a not-for-profit organization under The Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), or equivalent.
- Should assist those citizens whose basic needs are not met by existing services.
- Should encourage matching gifts from the community or other organizations.
- Should address new and emerging needs or incorporate better approaches to meeting current needs.
- Should focus on projects that address the prevention of a problem rather than a solution for a problem.
- Should minimize duplication of services by collaborating with other not-for-profit organizations in the community.

The Defiance Area Foundation, Inc., will not consider grants to individuals and will not ordinarily consider grants:

- For individual scholarships or grants, even if through an otherwise qualified organization.
- For sectarian religious activity.
- For endowment funds, except in unusual circumstances.
- For debt reduction.
- For fund-raising, advertising or staff positions related to development.
- For projects and community services that taxpayers support or are expected to support.
- For political issues.
- For operating expenses of well-established organizations.
- For conferences and recognition events, unless for local benefit.

The Foundation requires grant recipients to submit a status or final report six months after receiving the grant.

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