

PROJECTS GENERALLY FUNDED:

- Provide for more efficient use of community resources;
- Promote coordination, cooperation and sharing among organizations;
- Promote volunteer participation and citizen involvement in community affairs; or
- Expand an existing project or initiative.

PROJECTS GENERALLY NOT FUNDED:

- General organizational operations;
- Individuals;
- Annual fundraising drives;
- Scholarships & travel grants; and
- Endowment funds.

EXAMPLES OF FUNDED GRANTS

- Hard goods (equipment, clothing, school supplies);
- Youth programming;
- Educational efforts;
- Marketing of new services & programs;
- Cultural events & initiatives;
- Homeless outreach & support; and
- Diversity projects.



The African-American Community Fund is a component fund of The Dayton Foundation. This partnership allows the African-American community to benefit from local leadership and to profit from resources pooled with others for investment growth.



2016 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS GUIDELINES

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GRANT APPLICANTS

WHAT IS AACF?

Established in 1992, the African-American Community Fund (AACF) was created locally by John E. Moore, Sr. and Lloyd E. Lewis, Jr., as a component fund of The Dayton Foundation. AACF is recognized nationally as a model for philanthropy in the African-American community. AACF offers a unique opportunity for the African-American community to create permanent financial resources for generations to come.

AACF serves as an umbrella for a variety of endowment funds established by donors to target specific needs including civic, economic, cultural, educational, religious and human service initiatives.

Our **mission** is to increase African-American involvement in organized philanthropy, thereby strengthening non-profits serving the African-American community.

GRANT INFORMATION

The African-American Community Fund awards grants for public charitable purposes that benefit African-American citizens of the Dayton/Greater Miami Valley region. Grants are awarded to a variety of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations

from social service to mentoring and education to health & wellness based upon worthy community efforts and the greatest community need.

Grant-making policy and specific grant decisions are made by the Grants Committee, with final approval by the African-American Community Fund Advisory Board. The size and number of grant awards are directly related to the amount of money available each year. In the past, the average grant award has been \$500 - \$1,000. Due to the success of the recent AACF Matching Program, discretionary grants may exceed this amount.

TO APPLY FOR A GRANT:

The first step in the AACF's discretionary grant application process is to submit a Letter-of-Intent (LOI), with all required documentation. The LOI can be obtained at www.aacfdayton.org. The LOI provides AACF with an overview of your organization's funding request. If the AACF Grant's Committee reviews your LOI and determines that your project falls within the funding guidelines, you will be asked to submit a full grant application.

- **July 15th** – Press Release
- **September 5th** – LOI Deadline
- **September 26th** – Notification of approved LOIs

2014 AACF DISCRETIONARY GRANTS CALENDAR

- **October 21st** – Full grant application deadline (LOI approval required)
- **November 4th** – Notification of Grant approval. Grant checks will be mailed to the selected organizations shortly thereafter.

ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS MUST:

- Be recognized as a **501(c)(3)** tax-exempt non-profit organization, according to the Internal Revenue Code;
- Benefit the citizens in the Dayton/Greater Miami Valley region;
- Have a diversity/inclusion policy; and
- Address needs that are not fully met by existing organizations or community resources.

