



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.



## African-American Community Fund

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[www.aacfdayton.org](http://www.aacfdayton.org)

### 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;
- Operational deficits/reduced or lost funding;
- Annual fundraising drives;
- Scientific, medical or academic research projects
- Scholarships & travel grants; and
- Endowment funds.

### EXAMPLES OF FUNDED GRANTS

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

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY FUND

2017 GRANT APPLICANTS

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# AACF Information for 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. It 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.

It is a viable means to addressing adverse social and economic conditions affecting our community. AACF ensures that support systems will be available today and in the future, as well as offers a powerful tool to address concerns in our community.

## GRANT INFORMATION

AACF 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 mentoring and education, to health & wellness based upon worthy community efforts and the greatest community need. AACF cannot make grants to individuals.

Grant-making policy and specific grant decisions are made by the Grants Committee, with final approval by the AACF Advisory Board. The size and number of grant awards are directly related to the amount of money available each year. In the 2016 grants cycle, AACF awarded over \$11,000 to local non-profits. To commemorate AACF's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, **AACF will be awarding approximately \$15,000 in grants for 2017.**

## TO APPLY FOR A GRANT:

The first step in AACF's discretionary grant application process is to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) with all required documentation. This form can be obtained at <http://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.

## 2017 AACF GRANT PROCESS TIMELINE

- **June 5, 2017** – Grant Application Press Release
- **July 6 & 8, 2017** – Grant Workshops
- **July 31, 2017** – LOI deadline
- **August 8, 2017** – Review of LOI's
- **August 9, 2017** – Approved LOI notification
- **September 1, 2017** – Full grant application deadline (LOI approval required)
- **September 12, 2017** – Grant Application review
- **September 29, 2017** – Grant approval notification
- **November 11, 2017** – Grants awarded

## 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 organization or community resources.