



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF LOUISVILLE

2019 Field of Interest Grant Cycle

Field of Interest Funds are established by donors at the Community Foundation of Louisville with a specific charitable purpose in mind. In perpetuity, these funds will continue to support the issues that the donor cared about most.

There are currently twelve Field of Interest Funds at the Foundation that issue grants each year.

For the past six years, the Foundation has awarded most of the funds available from these Field of Interest funds to mission-aligned nonprofits selected to receive a capacity building grant through the annual [Fund for Louisville](#) grant process.

Due to the specificity of certain Field of Interest funds and the variation in each year's capacity building grant applicants, the Foundation will award any remaining funds through a separate "Field of Interest" grant application process each year.

In 2019, the following three Field of Interest Funds have funds available to grant:

1. **Historic Preservation Fund**

Fund Purpose: Established by Edith S. Bingham to support the study and preservation of the historic and prehistoric resources of Jefferson County; publish information pertaining to such resources, and collaborate with individuals, other organizations, and governments to achieve these purposes.

2019 Focus: Projects or programs that align with the fund purpose and impact people or places most impacted by longstanding disinvestment/underinvestment.

"Disinvestment" means a series of progressive steps by which capital is extricated over time from neighborhoods, resulting in deterioration. "Underinvestment" means capital was withheld over time from neighborhoods considered in decline.

Funds Available: \$5,100

2. Bobbye M. Robinson Fund

Fund Purpose: Established in honor of the donor's mother to support local programs that provide direct services to patients with colon cancer in financial need.

Funds Available: \$2,000

3. The AIDS Project Fund

Fund Purpose: Established by to support HIV prevention, education, and testing.

Funds Available: \$2,000

The Foundation can accept applications from organizations that:

- Are nonprofit, 501(c)(3) public charities in good standing, or charitable projects that are fiscally sponsored by a tax-exempt organization.
 - We are unable to accept applications from charitable projects that have applied for but are pending receipt of 501(c)(3) status.
- Propose a project that benefits people and/or place in Louisville/Jefferson County
- Did not receive a 2019 Fund for Louisville capacity building grant

Organizations may apply to one fund in the 2019 Field of Interest grant cycle, and may request a grant of any size that does not exceed the amount of funds available.

What is the Timeline?

- **January 14, 2019:** the grant application opens on the CFL grant website.
- **March 15, 2019:** the online application window closes and applications are due at 5:00 PM.
- **Early May 2019:** Grant awards will be announced.

How will applicants be selected?

Staff of the Community Foundation are responsible for evaluating grant applications. In general, the Foundation seeks to fully fund requests, but will partially fund requests if determined that the organization has adequate funding to complete the project.

The following criteria will be considered:

1. Proposed use of funds aligns with the Fund's purpose
2. Funds will be used before the end of 2019 and are important to the project's execution.
3. Project execution plans are clearly defined
4. If the Foundation grant will not cover the full cost of the proposed project, the source of additional funds is clear

5. The use of funds will result in clearly defined and understood outcomes.
6. Applicants to the Bobbye M. Robinson Fund or the AIDS Project Fund will be evaluated on the degree to which the program effectively supports the work described in the fund purpose.
7. Applicants to the Historic Preservation Fund will be evaluated on the degree to which the project/program impacts people or places most impacted by longstanding disinvestment/underinvestment.

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Use of funds is not restricted and may include paying staff, purchasing materials/equipment, paying consultants/contractors, and for marketing/advertising. Applicants to the Historic Preservation Fund may also request funds for physical renovations. This list is not exhaustive, but if you have specific questions about proposed use of funds please contact Liz.

How can I apply?

A grant application is available on the Foundation’s grant website:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cflouisville>

If your organization has applied for grants from the Foundation in the past six years, please use the same username/login. If the login credential are lost, please use the “forgot password” link. Otherwise, please create a new account and log in to view the Field of Interest grant application.

Contact:

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Alkire, Director of Grants & Evaluation, liza@cflouisville.org or 502-855-6965.