



2020 Field of Interest Grant Cycle: Request for Proposals

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 eleven Field of Interest Funds at the Foundation that issue grants each year. For the past seven 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 a separate 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 awards any remaining funds through a separate "Field of Interest" grant application process each year.

In 2020, 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.

2020 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: \$4,100

Previous Grantees:

2018 – Muhammad Ali Center to support the William Faversham Jr. Folio Digitization Project.

2019 – Broadway Temple A.M.E. Zion Church to support the repair and refurbishment of the historic stained glass windows on the temple.

2. The AIDS Project Fund

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

Funds Available: \$2,300

Previous Grantees:

2018 - Volunteers of America to support their HIV prevention program.

2019 – Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky to provide four initial PrEP consultations and ten follow-up appointments.

3. Dennis Reker Fund

Fund Purpose: Established to support community building projects with an emphasis on utilizing technology and increase access to technology in disinvested neighborhoods in Louisville.

2020 Focus: Projects or programs must allow the technology to be accessible to the whole community.

Funds Available: \$1,000

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.
- Propose a project that benefits people and/or place in Louisville/Jefferson County
- Did not receive a 2020 Fund for Louisville capacity building grant

Organizations may apply to one fund in the 2020 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 13, 2020:** the grant application opens on the CFL grant website.

- **March 13, 2020:** the online application window closes and applications are due at 5:00 PM.
- **Early May 2020:** 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 2020 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 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 and the Dennis Reker Fund will be evaluated on the degree to which the project/program impacts people or places most impacted by longstanding disinvestment/underinvestment.

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.

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