The Foundation Office at Fifth Third Bank

Guidelines for Grantseekers

Connecting Charitable Foundations to the Community

The Foundation Office at Fifth Third Bank is committed to creating a meaningful impact on programs and initiatives that create strong, vibrant communities and provide pathways to opportunity.

We aim to strategically align resources entrusted to us by connecting the needs of the community to private foundations. Grants for programming in education, historic preservation, the arts, environment and nature conservation, housing and food security, and community wellness are considered.

The Foundation Office and the grants referenced in these guidelines are separate from the grant process for the Fifth Third Foundation. If you would like to contact your regional community impact manager for the Fifth Third Foundation grants, please visit 53.com/citizenship.

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Eligibility

Who is Eligible

- Nonprofit organizations designated under section 501(c)(3) and subsections 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), and 509(a)(3) Types I and II by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and that operate in one of the following designated regions:
  - Chicago and Effingham County, IL
  - Evansville, IN
  - Piqua and Dayton, OH
  - Cincinnati, Dayton, Northern Kentucky and Piqua
- Churches and religious organizations requesting support for the non-denominational programming they administer will be considered (e.g., food pantries, after school programs, housing initiatives, etc.)

Who is Not Eligible

- Individuals
- Publicly supported entities
- Public or private K–12 schools
- Supporting organizations designated 509(a)(3) Type III by the IRS
- Walks/runs, dinners, galas, luncheons and other event sponsorship requests
- Athletic, band and other school booster clubs

Grant decisions are subject to the following conditions:

- Priority will be given to organizations who have not received recent funding.
- Nonprofit organizations designated under section 501(c)(3) and subsection 509(a)(3) Types I and II by the IRS will need to provide either an attorney opinion letter or a copy of their most recently completed tax return confirming that their organization is type I or II, if this information is not contained in the IRS Business Master File of exempt organizations. Please reach out to foundationoffice@53.com with this additional information if your organization is designated under section 501(c)(3) and subsection 509(a)(3).
- Grant funds received may NOT be used by a grantee for any of the following purposes:
  - To carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, to influence the outcome of a public election, to carry on a voter registration drive
  - To make a grant that does not comply with Section 4945(d)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") regarding grants to individuals for travel, study or similar purposes or grants requiring expenditure responsibility
  - As security or a source of payment for the debt services on municipal securities or repayments on municipal bonds
  - To fund or finance any activity for any purpose other than charitable or educational purposes stated in Code Section 170(c)(2)(B)

Timeline*

Grantseekers should allow 3–6 months for the grantmaking process.

Chicago, IL

- Grant applications are accepted between **February 1-March 15**
- Grants are awarded by **April 30**

Effingham County, IL

- Grant applications are accepted between **May 1-June 15**
- Grants are awarded by **July 31**

Evansville, IN

- Grant applications are accepted between **August 1–September 15**
- Grants are awarded by **October 31**

Piqua and Dayton, OH

- Grant applications are accepted between **August 1–September 15**
- Grants are awarded by **October 31**

Cincinnati, Dayton, Northern Kentucky, and Piqua

- Grant applications are accepted between **October 1–November 17**
- Grants are awarded by **April 1**

*Note that this timeline is not for the Fifth Third Foundation, which has a different grant application process.

Chicago and Effingham County, IL

Chicago, IL

Leo Krupa Trust

Supports charitable, educational, religious, literary or scientific purposes. Preference to organizations which have a primary purpose healing the blind, public television or Catholic charities.

Effingham County, IL

Paul and Virginia Koboldt Charitable Trust

Relieves or alleviates human suffering in Effingham County, Illinois.

Evansville, IN

James R. and Adelaide H. Duncan Foundation

Supports organizations or institutions that specialize in caring for, maintaining, and educating indigent, sick, or disabled children or young persons.

Henry Koch Charitable Foundation

Supports religious, charitable, scientific, literacy and educational purposes, and the prevention of cruelty to children or animals.

The Bower–Surheinrich Foundation

Supports charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes.

George L. Mesker Music Trust

Provides music in public facilities in the City of Evansville, Indiana, including parks, concert halls, auditoriums and other public facilities in the public domain, which would be appropriate for the use for musical concerts, regardless of any admission charge.

Piqua and Dayton, OH

Niels A. Lundgard and Ruth Lundgard Foundation

Supports charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes that are for the benefit of persons living in the Piqua, OH area.

Armotte H. Boyer Foundation

Supports charitable, religious and educational purposes. Mr. Boyer's family legacy is rooted in underwear manufacturing in Piqua, OH and his wife, Iola Boyer Spayd, was born in Dayton, OH.

Cincinnati, Dayton, Northern Kentucky and Piqua

Eleanora C.U. Alms Trust, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Supports charitable and educational purposes for the City of Cincinnati, with a focus on the arts.

Helen G., Henry F., & Louise Tuechter Dornette Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Supports nature and the conservation of nature's beauty, as well as organizations that are beneficial to children, with a preference to organizations that Miss Dornette identified during her lifetime.

Patricia Kisker Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Supports organizations that benefit or serve children and educational, musical or arts organizations, as well as organizations which Ms. Kisker supported during her lifetime.

Frank J. Kloenne & Jacqueline Dawson Kloenne Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Promotes, encourages or aids religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational activities.

H.B., E.W. & F.R. Luther Charitable Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Supports mainly environmental and historical preservation, and educational and arts organizations in the greater Cincinnati area, as well as preferred organizations named in the trust document.

Lawrence J. Mayer Trust, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Supports Catholic or religious order of men or women, which serves the poor in Greater Cincinnati.

Mary Martha McGee Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Supports community outreach activities of non-profit, religious organizations and churches that serve the low-income population in Greater Cincinnati.

Charles Moerlein Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Supports charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes.

Ohio Valley Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Agent
Funds small equipment, technology and capital improvement projects in the Ohio Valley.

Harold Schilling Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Supports organizations, preferably located in Hamilton County, that aid persons who are hearing or visually impaired or who are developmentally disabled.

Jacob G. Schmidlapp Fund, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Supports charitable or educational purposes; for relief in sickness, suffering and distress; for the care of young children, the aged or the helpless or afflicted; for the promotion of education and to improve living conditions.

Louis & Melba Schott Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Supports assistance to youth, with emphasis on youth of primary school through junior high school age, who are disadvantaged because of medical conditions, economic status, family background or for other similar reasons.

Stillson Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee
Helps children and provides assistance to those charities the Stillsons supported during their lifetime.

Grant Application Process

Grant applications are considered by family foundations administered by the Foundation Office. All grant applications will be reviewed by the foundations' committees to find the best fit.

Once applications are reviewed, your organization will receive one of the following responses:

- A decline email
- A grant approval email with next steps
- A request for a meeting or site visit
- A notification that your request is still under review

Most communications will be sent by email from Heidi.Jark@Foundations.53.com and jessica.jin@foundations.53.com. Some organizations and email service providers block emails from unfamiliar email addresses. To ensure you are receiving our communications, we suggest you verify your organization will accept communications from these email addresses.

Link to apply:

https://www.cybergrants.com/fifththirdbank/Regional

Grant Application FAQ

Will my application be considered by the Fifth Third Foundation?
No. Grant programs referenced in these guidelines are administered in an application process separate from that of the Fifth Third Foundation. If you would like to contact your regional Community Impact Manager for the Fifth Third Foundation grants, please visit 53.com/citizenship.

Can I meet with someone from the Foundation Office before submitting a grant application?
It is not necessary to meet with a Foundation Office representative prior to submitting a grant application. The grant application process serves as a point of introduction and allows organizations to submit up to three funding priorities for consideration. That said, a Foundation Office representative may request a site visit.

How can I apply if my organization is a supporting organization designated under subsection 509(a)3?
Please reach out to foundationoffice@53.com and provide either an attorney opinion letter or a copy of your organization's most recently completed tax return confirming that the organization is type I or II, if this information is not contained in the IRS Business Master File of exempt organizations.

Can I apply or submit a request by mail or email?
No. The Foundation Office does not accept requests outside of the online grant application process.

Where do I find the grant application invitation code?
Invitation codes are listed on the Welcome Screen of the Grant Application websites. They will only be valid during the time applications are being accepted.

When I return to my in-progress application, I cannot edit my application and I receive a message that states, "This application has not been submitted. No further changes may be made to this application. Click here to return to the Welcome page." How do I continue to edit my application?
Applicants returning to their in-progress application need to enter the invitation code each time that they log in. Please log in again using the invitation code, and you will be able to continue to edit your application.

Why are K-12 schools ineligible if several of the foundations focus on education?
The foundations with a focus on education provide funding to community organizations that support schools, rather than individual schools themselves.

If I have additional questions, who can I contact?
Please send additional questions to foundationoffice@53.com.

53.com/foundationoffice

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