Eligibility

Criteria

To be eligible for support, a group or organization must:

- Operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a tax-exempt nonprofit under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including schools, faith-based and public organizations or be a tax-exempt nonprofit under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- Be comprised of three or more unrelated residents and located in Warren or Youngstown;
- Attend a Grantseeker Orientation; and
- Match the amount it seeks with contributions that may include: volunteer labor, cash or in-kind donations of goods and services.
- Have active resident-led leadership and majority resident representation in key decision-making roles.

The Foundation Does Not Fund:

- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability
- Individuals, businesses/forprofit entities
- Individual scholarships or grants, even if through an otherwise qualified organization
- Religious organizations for religious or evangelical purposes
- Government agencies or departments
- Endowment funds or capital campaigns
- Fundraising event sponsorship
- Political campaigns or promotion of issues
- Debt reduction
- Foreign operations or expenditures
- National fundraising campaigns or mass mailing campaigns
- Veterans’ organizations or fraternal societies