



Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Development Fund

GUIDELINES

MISSION

The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Development Fund ("The Fund") contributes to the strength and vitality of our communities by actively supporting organizations that encourage the critical civic, educational, scientific, artistic, cultural and economic development interests of the region.

FUNDING PRIORITIES AND ELIGIBILITY

The Fund seeks to build strong partnerships and lasting value in our communities by supporting organizations that play a critical role in the following focus areas. Organizations must have tax-exempt status under IRS section 501(c)3 and active charitable registration with the State of New Jersey. We will consider requests from organizations that are outcomes-oriented and do not duplicate other programs or services. Priority will be given to programs where organizations come together to solve community issues collaboratively. Nonprofit organizations must be located in the greater Princeton area (see list). Grants will be awarded up to \$10,000.

Princeton
West Windsor Township
Plainsboro Township
Montgomery Township
South Brunswick
Township
City of Trenton

Hamilton Township
Ewing Township
Lawrence Township
Hopewell Borough
Hopewell Township
Pennington Borough
East Windsor Township

Hightstown Borough
Robbinsville Township
Cranbury Township
Borough of Allentown
Franklin Township
Borough of Rocky Hill

FOCUS AREAS

Education: We support innovative programs that help low-income and at-risk students succeed in school and prepare for post-secondary education, by offering financial literacy training and building effective mentoring programs. Priority is given to programs that reach a broad number of students, bring together community resources, support curriculum innovation, and if successful, can be replicated

Leadership: Leadership is the backbone of great communities and organizations. We encourage programs that provide leadership training and skills for early career emerging leaders.

Economic Opportunity and Development: We support organizations that promote independent business development and expansion, and job creation.

Self-Sufficiency: We support programs that assist low- and moderate-income individuals to achieve self-sufficiency, with a focus on work-entry programs, specific skills training, transportation, childcare, and personal financial management.

SELECTION PROCESS

Funding requests are evaluated through a competitive process by the Fund Committee, a volunteer group, with guidance from the staff of the Princeton Area Community Foundation.

EVALUATION

Potential grantees must be able to demonstrate the milestones, deliverables and outcomes of the program and how they will be measured and evaluated. Organizations will be required to submit a report six months after the award.

What types of organizations and programs are NOT eligible to receive funding?

- Organizations that are not tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)3
- Organizations not geographically in one or more of the towns listed above.
- General operating costs
- Strategic or business plans for organizations
- "Bricks and mortar" projects
- Individuals
- Political causes or lobbying organizations,
- National and international organizations
- Endowments, capital campaigns, debt reduction, fundraising special events and/or sponsorships.
- Pre-college-level private schools, colleges or universities, veteran or fraternal organizations, religious programs or activities.
- Organizations that support terrorist activities or discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or veteran status
- Religious organizations or programs (except for non-religious programs that directly benefit the greater community)
- Political organizations

How to apply

Applications must be completed online on or before proposal deadline. Proposals can be found at: <https://www.grantinterface.com/princetongrants/common/logon.aspx>

Proposals deadline: Friday, September 14, 2018. Note: you will need to create a log in before accessing the application. **Only online applications will be accepted.**

The application includes: a narrative of no more than five pages that explains the work to be done; the measurable and direct impact on the community you expect to achieve, and the results expected; a project budget; a list of trustees with affiliations; organizational operating budget, and audited financial statements.

Individual awards will be made up to \$10,000; 2018 awards will be announced at the Chamber's Monthly Luncheon on Thursday, November 8, 2018.