



2012 Grantseeker's Guide

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About Central Indiana Community Foundation's Grantmaking Program

Central Indiana Community Foundation's Grantmaking Program invests in effective central Indiana not-for-profit organizations that promote a thriving community. Our competitive grants enable organizations to provide effective programs and respond to the needs of people in the neighborhoods and communities they serve.

We are committed to providing support to a diverse group of not-for-profit organizations that improve quality of life for residents in the region. As we seek to have a greater impact on our community, we are particularly interested in learning about ways in which not-for-profit organizations are addressing challenges that face their constituents.

Criteria Used to Review Applications

When reviewing applications, we look for signs of efficient and effective organizations, listed below. We recognize that not every organization will meet all of these criteria. The criteria are meant as a general guide, not a definitive checklist. We believe there are many models of successful not-for-profit organizations and are interested in learning about how your organization is achieving success.

Signs of Effective Organizations

Proven success

Does the organization have clearly defined outcomes towards which it is working? Does the organization have a track record of achieving its goals? Is the organization making a difference? Does the organization incorporate best practice approaches to serve its target population? Has the organization demonstrated its ability to measure success and impact?

Strong leadership

Does the organization have a clear mission and a plan for how it will achieve its mission? Does the organization have the appropriate management and board leadership to provide direction and oversight?

Accessibility and cultural competency

Is the organization knowledgeable about and have programs that are responsive to differences in languages, customs, abilities, gender, sexual orientation and race?

Sustainability

Has the organization demonstrated its ability to attract the resources necessary to maintain its work? Does the organization have appropriate growth strategies?

Effective operations

Does the organization have the appropriate staff and internal systems to be efficient and effective? Is the organization fiscally responsible?

Collaboration

Can the organization identify peer organizations and clearly articulate how they are similar/different? Can the organization bring together the strengths of multiple organizations to advance their mutual goals, share their combined knowledge and reduce duplication of efforts?

Innovation and creativity

Is the organization creative in addressing community problems or the needs of a specific population? Is the organization nimble and able to evolve to respond to the needs of its constituents and the community?

Engagement

Are the constituents, partners, and community leaders informed, involved and invested in the success of the organization's efforts? Does the organization engage its constituents in planning and evaluation?

2012 Grantmaking Program Overview

Central Indiana Community Foundation believes that a thriving community is defined by seven essential and interconnected elements, listed below. The Foundation's vision is to make central Indiana a region of choice that both attracts and retains a creative and highly educated workforce and is an attractive, vibrant and safe place for its residents. Central Indiana Community Foundation believes that each of the seven elements are vital to a thriving community and the Foundation supports each of these elements individually and as part of a holistic system.

What We Fund

Our funding areas are grounded in our Seven Elements of a Thriving Community. The framework is a vision of what strong community life could look like and how philanthropy can play a role in creating it. We make grants to not-for-profit organizations whose work falls into one or more of these elements:

Basic Needs

- Efforts that provide safe and affordable housing and support services for vulnerable populations
- Efforts that increase access to nutritious food

Economic Stability

- Efforts that provide job readiness, training, and educational opportunities that increase the wages and assets of low-skilled individuals
- Efforts that remove barriers to achieving economic self-sufficiency, such as lack of child care and transportation

Health and Wellness

- Efforts that promote healthy and active lifestyles
- Efforts that increase access to health care services for low income and vulnerable populations

Youth and Education

- Efforts that improved student academic achievement and promote post-secondary access and success of low-income youth
- Efforts that increase life skills that lead to increased independence
- Efforts that protect children from abuse and neglect

Vitality and Connectivity of Neighborhoods and Communities

- Efforts and activities that increase the connectivity, vitality and attractiveness of neighborhoods and communities
- Efforts and activities that engage and involve neighborhood residents in community-building and community change

Arts and Culture

- Efforts that provide intensive curriculum-based arts education for students
- Efforts that increase the accessibility and quality of arts programming

Environment

- Efforts that preserve existing natural spaces and resources
- Efforts that improve physical spaces for community benefit

What We Don't Fund

The Central Indiana Community Foundation and its affiliate funds do not fund, through our Thriving Community Grantmaking Program:

- Organizations that are NOT tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Multi-year grants
- Grants to individuals
- Projects aimed at promoting a particular religion or construction projects for religious institutions
- Operating, program and construction costs at schools, universities and private academies unless there is significant opportunity for community use or collaboration
- Organizations or projects that discriminate based upon race, ethnicity, age, gender or sexual orientation
- Political campaigns or direct lobbying efforts by 501(c)(3) organizations
- Post-event, after-the-fact situations or debt retirement
- Medical, scientific or academic research
- Publications, films, audiovisual and media materials, programs produced for artistic purposes or produced for resale
- Travel for bands, sports teams, classes and similar groups
- Annual appeals, galas or membership contributions
- Fundraising events such as golf tournaments, walk-a-thons and fashion shows

How to Apply

A common application cover form and grant request detail forms used by **Legacy Fund, The Indianapolis Foundation** and the **Central Indiana Senior Fund** will be available on the CICF website at www.cicf.org on February 1, 2012.

Information about deadlines and submission requirements for the **Efroymsen Family Fund, Efroymsen Contemporary Arts Fellowships, Summer Youth Program Fund, Women's Fund of Central Indiana and The Indianapolis Foundation Library Fund** can be found on page 6.

Types and Size of Grant Awards

The Foundation awards grants to provide program, general operating and capacity-building support. No applications for capital support will be accepted at this time. Grant award amounts vary by fund. See the list of funds and grant range amounts on pages 5 and 6. We recommend consulting with CICF Grants staff who can provide guidance on your request.

2012 Common Grant Application Deadlines

Applications for **Legacy Fund, The Indianapolis Foundation** and the **Central Indiana Senior Fund** are accepted two times per year. Applications will only be accepted during these months.

Applications Accepted	Staff Review	Grantmaking Boards Review Requests	Notification
February 1 – February 29	March – September	March – December	By the end of the year
July 1– July 31	August – December	August – December	By the end of the year

Our Review Process

- After receiving applications at each of the two deadlines, CICF staff will review each application. Organizations that are not a fit for funding will be notified in writing.
- Accepted applications will be assigned to a CICF staff person.
- Staff will contact organizations to obtain additional information, if necessary, and schedule a possible site visit.
- Staff will provide preliminary recommendations to Grantmaking boards for their review and final funding decisions.
- Grantmaking boards will meet for application review and to make final funding decisions.
- Final funding decisions will be communicated to applicants.

Frequently Asked Questions

I am interested in applying for grant support, what should I do next?

CICF has many funds that may be interested in your funding request. We recommend reviewing the overview of the funds found on pages 5 and 6. Each CICF fund has priority interest areas, geographic restrictions and some serve specific populations.

Before I submit an application, should I talk with a CICF staff person to make sure my funding request is appropriate and a match with funding opportunities?

We strongly encourage you to discuss your funding request with CICF Grants staff before submitting a grant application. This will help save you time preparing application materials and also will enable us to share with you the aspects of your request that are most likely a match with funding sources.

Can my organization submit multiple requests to multiple funding sources in one year?

Generally speaking, each of the funds listed in the 2012 Grantseeker's Guide will consider and support one request per year. Please review the specific funding interests of each fund provided on page 5 and 6. Organizations may apply to multiple funds in an application cycle. We strongly encourage you to contact the CICF Grants department before submitting an application to advise you on the best approach, timing and possible funding matches.

If our organization submits an application and is declined funding, can we reapply?

If a request has been denied after being reviewed, staff will provide your organization with the reasons and make recommendations about whether additional information or effort is needed to improve that application, or if the request does not fit CICF's funding priorities.

How much money can my organization request?

We encourage you to consider multiple funding sources for your project and not rely on CICF as your sole funder. Grant award amounts vary by fund.

May I submit a previously prepared proposal or case statement?

CICF asks all organizations to use our application format. This ensures that requests are presented equitably and makes the review process easier for CICF's grantmaking boards and committees.

If you are an **Arts or Culture** organization, please contact Liz Tate, VP for Grants, as CICF is a member of the Arts Funders group and we will accept the Arts Funders Common Application.

How should we recognize our organization's grant? And, where can we get the correct logo(s)?

If your organization receives funding, your award letter will specify which fund(s) contributed to the grant and how to recognize each funding source. Logos will be provided to you at the time your grant is awarded.

How can my organization apply to donor-advised funds, including the Efroymsen Family Fund and The Glick Fund?

CICF staff will share applications with our donor-advised funds based on those funds' priorities. Organizations cannot apply directly to these funds for support.

Can CICF staff help me develop my program or organization?

CICF Grants staff can answer questions about your grant request and its potential fit with our guidelines and often can refer you to other resources in the community. We cannot provide extensive help in shaping your program or developing the ability of your organization to meet the expectations of our funds or other funders.



[The Indianapolis Foundation](#) was established in 1916 and is an affiliate of Central Indiana Community Foundation. The Indianapolis Foundation is supported by gifts and bequests from donors who trust the Foundation will address the diverse needs of Marion County now and in the future.

Geographic Restriction: Marion County
Interest Area: Arts and Culture, Basic Needs, Economic Stability, Education, Environment, Health & Wellness, Vitality of Neighborhoods & Communities
Grant award range: \$10,000-\$100,000

[James Proctor Fund for Aged Men and Women](#) was established in 1977 as a field of interest fund of The Indianapolis Foundation by the estate of James Proctor for the specific benefit of aged men and women.

Interest Area: Arts and Culture, Basic Needs, Health & Wellness
Grant award range: \$10,000-\$60,000

[F. R. Hensel Fund for Fine Arts, Music, and Education](#) was established in 1992 as a field of interest fund of The Indianapolis Foundation. The fund was created by F.R. "Bob" Hensel who was a generous benefactor to many Indianapolis arts organizations and established the fund to be used for the promotion of fine arts, music and education in Indianapolis.

Interest Area: Arts & Culture
Grant award range: \$10,000-\$70,000

[The Clara Noyes Fund](#) was established in 2007 as a field of interest fund of The Indianapolis Foundation. The fund exists to provide grants for high quality ballet performances for the public and ballet education programs for youth in Indianapolis and the surrounding counties. The Fund was made possible through gifts of the family of the late Clara Noyes and other donors.

Interest Area: Arts and Culture
Grant award range: \$1,000-\$15,000

[The Howard Intermill and Marion Intermill Fenstermaker Fund](#) was established in 2008 as a field of interest fund of The Indianapolis Foundation and was created by the estate of Marion I. Fenstermaker. Marion was a dancer and performer in theaters and movies in the 1930s and 1940s. She was a long-time volunteer for Easter Seals Crossroads. This Fund exists to support programs for children and youth with disabilities.

Interest Area: Basic Needs, Health and Wellness, Education
Grant award range: \$1,000-\$15,000



[Central Indiana Senior Fund](#), a donor-advised fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation, was established in 2004 to financially support programs and services that promote quality living for older adults in central Indiana. The Fund originated from the assets of the not-for-profit Indianapolis Retirement Home (IRH) which served central Indiana for 137 years. The Fund is interested in supporting programs that promote overall health and wellness, ensure that the basic needs of the low-income older adults are met, enable older adults to reside in the environments of their choice, and opportunities that provide life-affirming opportunities.

Geographic Area Served: Central Indiana (Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan and Shelby Counties)
Interest Area: Basic Needs, Health & Wellness, Life Affirming Opportunities, Living Environment of Choice
Grant award range: \$5,000-\$50,000



[Legacy Fund](#) was established in 1991 and is an affiliate of Central Indiana Community Foundation. Legacy Fund is supported by gifts and bequests from donors who trust the Foundation will address the diverse needs of Hamilton County now and in the future.

Geographic Area Served: Hamilton County
Interest Area: Arts & Culture, Basic Needs, Economic Stability, Education, Environment, Health & Wellness, Vitality of Neighborhoods & Communities
Grant award range: \$5,000-\$20,000

[The City of Noblesville Community Fund](#) was established in 1994 as a fund of Legacy Fund to support the charitable intentions of the City of Noblesville. The Fund exists to promote and raise public awareness of the human services, recreational programming, art, cultural, and community needs and issues of the City of Noblesville.

Geographic Area Served: Noblesville, Hamilton County
Interest Area: Arts & Culture, Basic Needs, Environment, Health & Wellness, Vitality of Neighborhoods and Communities
Grant award range: \$1,000-\$10,000

Other CICF Funds and Grant Opportunities



[The Efroymson Family Fund](#) was established in 1998 as a donor-advised fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation. Since its inception, the Fund has awarded over \$66 million in grants to effective not-for-profit organizations in Central Indiana and beyond. The Fund continues a long legacy of philanthropy. Three generations, Gustave, Robert, and Dan, served without interruption on The Indianapolis Foundation Board of Trustees from 1919 to 1999. Lori Efroymson-Aguilera serves as a CICF board member and Chair of the Efroymson Family Fund. Jeremy Efroymson and Elissa Hamid Efroymson serve as Vice Chairs. The Efroymson Family Fund is focused on making a measurable impact by providing for the welfare of the disadvantaged, supporting efforts that lead towards self-sufficiency, preserving the natural environment and efforts that support the vitality of Central Indiana.

The Efroymson Family Fund does not accept grant applications through an open application process. Applications submitted through CICF's common application process that align with The Efroymson Family Fund's priorities may be presented to the Fund Advisors for consideration. **Questions should be directed to efroymsonfamilyfund@cicf.org.**

[The Efroymson Contemporary Arts Fellowships](#) were established in 2004 by Jeremy Efroymson. The Fellowship program was created to increase public awareness of contemporary art in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. The intent of the fellowship is to reward creativity and encourage emerging and established artists by supporting their artistic development. Through this fellowship program, five (5) \$20,000 fellowship awards are given to contemporary visual artists. Since the inception of the fund, \$700,000 has been awarded to 35 contemporary visual artists.

Information about the next round of fellowships will be posted on the CICF website in Summer 2012. Fellowship inquiries may be directed to efroymsonfamilyfund@cicf.org



[The Summer Youth Program Fund](#) was established in 1995 and is a funding collaborative comprised of 11 local funders that provide grant support to organizations serving youth summer programs serving Marion County youth. Since the Fund was established, over \$23 million in grants have been awarded.

Application material for Summer 2013 will be available Fall 2012. For more information about the Summer Youth Program Fund and application deadlines visit www.summeryouthprogramfund-indy.org.



[The Glick Fund](#) was established in 1998 as a donor-advised fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation by Gene and Marilyn Glick. Since its inception, The Glick Fund has awarded over \$42 million in grants to effective not-for-profit organizations. The Glick Fund concentrates on increasing educational opportunities, promoting arts and creative expression, supporting efforts toward self-sufficiency, alleviating human suffering and helping those in need.

The Glick Fund does not accept grant applications through an open application process. Applications submitted through CICF's common application process that align with The Glick Fund's priorities may be presented to The Glick Fund Advisors for consideration. **Questions should be directed to Ryan Brady, Director of Strategic Projects, at ryanb@cicf.org or 317.634.2423.**



[The Indianapolis Foundation Library Fund](#) was established in 1989 as a field-of-interest fund of The Indianapolis Foundation. An anonymous donor to the Foundation established the fund to benefit the following Marion County libraries: The Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library and its branches; High school libraries with at least one professional staff person; Libraries at IUPUI, Marian University, and University of Indianapolis.

Applications are reviewed on a monthly basis. Questions should be directed to Tara Seeley, Senior Grants Officer, at taras@cicf.org or 317.634.2423.



[Women's Fund of Central Indiana](#) was established in 1995 as a special interest fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation. The Fund supports organizations that give opportunities, encouragement, knowledge, and hope to women and girls in central Indiana. The Fund is interested only in gender-specific efforts, not just programs that happen to serve women and/or girls.

For more information on how to apply, visit www.womensfund.org/grantseekers. Questions should be directed to Julie Koegel, Grants Consultant for Women's Fund at juliekoegel@sbcglobal.net or 317.293.7006.