



## Central Indiana Senior Fund 2023 Grant Guidelines

### About Central Indiana Senior Fund Grantmaking

Central Indiana Senior Fund, a fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF), believes it is our mission to mobilize people, ideas and investments to make this a community where all individuals have equitable opportunity to reach their full potential, no matter place, race or identity.

Central Indiana Senior Fund invests in organizations and programs that serve seniors (ages 55 and older) who are low- to moderate-income and/or isolated from community resources and opportunities. Eligible organizations serve seniors residing in Central Indiana (Marion and the seven immediate surrounding counties). **We want to help you serve your community.**

### Types and Size of Grant Awards

Central Indiana Senior Fund accepts applications for operating and program support. Only organizations with a mission to exclusively serve seniors may submit a request for operating support. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000, with an average of \$20,000-\$30,000. Organizations that received a grant in 2022 are eligible to apply in 2023.

### Who We Fund

- 501(c)(3) organizations that serve seniors
- Organizations that have not yet received their 501(c)(3) status may use an approved fiscal agent.

### What We Fund

We are open to all requests for funding of senior services. We are deliberately interested in racial equity as it pertains to the following areas of need (which are in no priority order):

- Helping seniors age in place
- Decreasing hunger by funding food access and affordability
- Mitigating isolation and loneliness
- Supporting caregivers
- Decreasing senior homelessness
- Improving health and wellness, including mental health and wellness
- Supporting programs that serve immigrant and undocumented seniors

## What We Don't Fund

- Organizations or projects that discriminate based upon race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender or sexual orientation
- Grants to individuals
- Political campaigns or activities intended to influence public officials
- Projects aimed at promoting a particular religion
- Construction projects of schools, churches or other religious institutions
- Special events or fundraising activities
- Post-event or after-the-fact situations or debt retirement
- Basic medical, scientific or academic research

## Application Process

- Organizations that have not applied to or received funding from Central Indiana Senior Fund in the past or are using a fiscal agent are strongly encouraged to contact Grants Officer Julie Koegel at [juliek@cicf.org](mailto:juliek@cicf.org) or 317-696-1933 prior to submitting an application.
- Organizations wishing to be considered for funding must apply through [Smart Simple](#), CICF's grants management portal. Applications will be accepted **April 1 – April 28, 2023 (due by noon)**. Late applications are not eligible for review.
- If you've never applied for a grant from CICF or Central Indiana Senior Fund, you will need to set up an account in Smart Simple, the CICF grants management platform. See our [Smart Simple 101 Guide](#) for directions. For technical assistance, contact us at [grantsupport@cicf.org](mailto:grantsupport@cicf.org).
- Organizations that have never submitted an application through the CICF grants portal must create an organizational profile before they can access the application. Organizations that already have an organizational profile must update it before completing the application. An organizational profile can be created or updated at any time.
- When starting an application, choose the Central Indiana Senior Fund Call Name under Open Call. During the open call period, organizations can start an application, save it, then finish it at a later date.

## 2023 Timetable

Applications Accepted	Funding Decisions Made	Applicants Notified and Funds Released
April 1 – April 28 (by 12:00 pm noon)	Late September	Mid October

*\*The Central Indiana Senior Fund Advisory Board reserves the right to change these guidelines or to make grants outside of these guidelines if it deems it necessary to meet its mission.*