Barbara Burt Innovative Leader Fund Guidelines

The Barbara Burt Innovative Leader Fund:

- Supports nonprofit board members who are pursuing unique learning experiences
- Encourages innovative thinking to develop “adaptive leadership” skills
- Promotes exchanges about leadership styles and practices within nonprofit organizations

Grant Opportunity:

Any Allen County 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides direct programming and is in good standing with the IRS may apply for full or partial funding for up to three current board members to participate in an educational opportunity specifically designed to meet one of the three purposes of the Fund. ALL educational opportunities must be directly related to the leadership of nonprofit organizations. Board members may use these funds to attend or access conferences, workshops or webinars or other events, traditional or nontraditional, that specifically benefit their organizations. Conferences and workshops must be located within the continental United States.

Requirements:

- The person(s) who participates in the educational opportunity must formally report to their organization’s board within three months and provide a written summary to the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne and to the Foellinger Foundation.
- The person(s) who participates in the educational opportunity must agree that, if requested, he/she will provide a written report based on questions of what was learned. The participant(s) may also be asked to share their experience on a community panel with other nonprofit leaders.
- The person(s) who attends the educational opportunity must remain on the organization’s board of directors a minimum of 12 months after completion. If the person(s) leaves the board, the organization must notify Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne and Foellinger Foundation. The organization must then return funds expended for the educational opportunity unless there are exceptional extenuating circumstances.
Organizations may only submit one request per calendar year. Applications that indicate partial commitment of funds from the individual or organization will receive priority consideration.

**Ineligible organizations:** colleges, universities, hospitals, governmental entities, public/private/charter schools, and intermediary organizations.

*All applications should be sent to the attention of Christine Meek at:*

Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne  
555 E. Wayne Street  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Board members who wish to attend a local seminar funded by the Barbara Burt Innovative Leader Fund may check the Foellinger Foundation’s website for upcoming training.