What We Look For In An Applicant Organization

The Fairfield County Foundation accepts grant requests to the Youth Advisory Committee for youth related project from organizations located in Fairfield County and are recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. If you do not have a 501(c)(3), you may enter into an agreement with a qualified non-profit that will act as your fiscal agent.

- Established, fiscally-sound organization
- Strong governance
- Demonstrated organizational capacity and track record
- Sound short-term and long-range plans

What We Look For In A Proposed Project

- Benefits the youth in Fairfield County
- Project feasibility
- Clearly documented community need or opportunity
- Where appropriate, documented evidence of best practices
- Measurable program outcomes and community impact
- Realistic sustainability plan
- Leverage of other financial and in-kind resources

Limitations

There are restrictions on the scope of activities the Foundation is able to support. In general, the Fairfield County Foundation does not make grants from its discretionary/unrestricted funds for:

- General operating expenses including but not limited to salaries and consultant fees
- Awards to individuals, including fellowships, travel, study, research and camps
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Political organizations or political action committees for political purposes
- Endowments
- Specific scientific, medical or academic research
- Annual fundraising campaigns from existing organizations or dues
- Reimbursement of prior expenditures or to eliminate debt
- Recurring expenses such as routine computer software or hardware updates
- Vehicles
- Service organizations or Booster clubs
- Projects and community services that taxpayers support or are expected to support, such as schools and fire and safety equipment
- National organizations
- Returning applicants who did not complete their previous grant requirements
- Requests do not exceed $2,000

In addition, you should not include Foundation funding in your budget as a yearly source of income or continue to submit grant applications for the same program/project, year after year.

To discuss your grant request, contact the Executive Director or Program Officer, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 740-654-8451.