

2019 Field-of-Interest Grants Guidelines



Important Dates

- **Monday, September 16, 2019** – Field-of-Interest Grants application opens.
- **Friday, November 1, 2019 at 5:00 pm** – Deadline for submission.
- **Friday, December 6, 2019** – Notification of grant awards.
- **Before December 31, 2019** – Grant award checks issued.

Eligibility

- 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organizations and Governmental Units/Agencies are eligible to apply.
- Funding must be used to support projects in Centre County unless stated otherwise.

Application Instructions

Submission: Proposals must be submitted through our online application form: <http://bit.ly/2Zlm7IA>. Please do not email, fax, physically mail, or hand-deliver your proposal. Application questions can be found at the end of this document.

Draft and Revise: You will be unable to save your work in the form and come back to it at a later time. We recommend completing your answers outside of the form in Microsoft Word, Google Docs, or other program of your choice, and then cutting and pasting those answers into the form when you are ready to submit.

Selecting Funds: You may apply for any portion of the available grant amount listed. You do not have to request the full amount. If multiple funds fit the scope of your proposal, you may combine several funds together. Please choose only those funds which directly relate to your proposal.

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Reporting: The grant period begins upon receipt of funding and ends December 31 of the following year. A grant report is due upon the completion of the project and/or at the end of the grant period.

For questions, information or assistance, please contact Centre Foundation at 814-237-6229 or email Rachael Hartman, Grants and Community Impact Coordinator, at rachael@centre-foundation.org.

Fund Information

There are currently 15 **Field-of Interest Funds**, each supporting a particular cause, program, population, or geographic area. Full fund descriptions are available at the links below.

- The [Andrew and Madaline Rishel Family Fund](#) supports Christian churches in Penns Valley with mission programs, church camps, cemetery preservation, and community outreach projects for the elderly, handicapped, and/or low-income individuals. **(\$497 Available)**
- [Ben Franklin Fund](#) distributions are used to make grants to Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon and Mifflin counties, benefiting citizens of the Commonwealth and paid to qualified charities within the region. **(\$2,012 Available)**
- The [Carolyn A. Petrus Memorial Seeing Eye Dog Fund](#) provides funding for organizations that raise, train, and match seeing-eye dogs to people who need them. **(\$15,700 Available)**
- The [Centre Children's Fund](#) supports organizations that provide programs and services to at-risk children. **(\$1,664 Available)**
- [Centre County Medical Society Fund](#) distributions will assist nonprofit organizations that are working to promote the health and well-being of the citizens of Centre County, specifically those that are fighting obesity in children and/or creating playground equipment or facilities. **(\$1,089 Available)**
- The [Counseling Service, Inc. Fund](#) continues the original mission of Counseling Service Inc. by supporting the provision of direct behavioral/mental health counseling services to Centre County residents. **(\$9,673 Available)**
- The [Donna L. Litke Occupational Horse Therapy Endowment](#) supports the maintenance and upkeep of horses used for occupational therapy in Centre County or in any of the six contiguous counties (Blair, Clearfield, Clinton, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Union). **(\$4,204 Available)**
- The [J. Alvin and Vera E. Knepper Hawbaker Memorial Fund](#) supports organizations that provide vital health and education services across Centre County. **(\$3,702 Available)**
- The [Louis E. and Patricia H. Silvi Fund](#) supports early childhood education programs that improve the health, care, and education of young children. **(\$1,032 Available)**
- The [Mattil Family Fund](#) supports animal welfare causes. **(\$922 Available)**
- The [Patricia Farrell Music Fund](#) supports music programs of all types, particularly those focusing on children, to enhance the availability of music programs across the county. **(\$7,995 Available)**

- The [Philipsburg Area Fund](#) supports Philipsburg-area nonprofit organizations and programs. **(\$1,649 Available)**
- The [Proud to Be An American Fund](#) supports nonprofit organizations that display, encourage, or promote patriotic observances, especially on the 4th of July. **(\$1,417 Available)**
- The [Ruth E. Rishel Charitable Fund](#) supports nonprofit organizations and projects exclusively in the Penns Valley area. **(\$2,174 Available)**
- The [William W. and Helen S. Litke Memorial Fund](#) supports programs for Centre County residents with hearing loss. **(\$13,331 Available)**

Application Questions

Contact Information

- Organization's Name
- Organization's Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Is your organization a 501(c)3 nonprofit as determined by the IRS or a governmental unit or agency?
- Your First Name
- Your Last Name
- Your Role within the Organization
- Your Phone Number

Project Narrative:

- Please provide a brief summary of your project. (300 characters or fewer)
- Outline the goals of your project and why it's important for our community. Describe the results that will demonstrate success. (1500 characters or fewer)
- How many people will this project reach? Which demographics will your project serve? (500 characters or fewer)

Project Budget:

- Total Grant Amount Requested
- Total Estimated Cost of Project
- Describe your projected budget in detail, including specific categories with estimated amounts. (1500 characters or fewer)
- For which Field-of-Interest Fund(s) would you like to apply?