

2020 Field-of-Interest Grant Guidelines



Important Dates

- **Monday, October 5, 2020** – Field-of-Interest Grants application opens.
- **Friday, October 30, 2020 at 5:00 pm** – Deadline for submission.
- **Friday, December 4, 2020** – Notification of grant awards.
- **Before December 31, 2020** – Grant payments issued.

Eligibility

- 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organizations and Governmental Units/Agencies are eligible to apply.
- Funding must be used to support programs/projects in Centre County unless stated otherwise.
- Funding must be used for programs/projects that comply with Centre Foundation's [Nondiscrimination Policy](#).

Application Instructions

Submission: Proposals must be submitted through our [online application form](#). Please do not email, fax, physically mail, or hand-deliver your proposal. Application questions can be found at the end of this document.

Saving Your Application: To complete the application, you do not need to create an account, but you can create one in order to save the progress of your application prior to submission. The account you create will be hosted by [Formsite.com](#). Formsite.com contains their own privacy policy and terms of use for Formsite.com account holders.

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, Community Impact Director, at rachael@centre-foundation.org. Email messages will be responded to more quickly due to Centre Foundation staff working remotely.

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. **(\$515 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. **(\$2,017 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. **(\$15,707 Available)**
- The [Centre Children's Fund](#) supports organizations that provide programs and services to at-risk children. **(\$1,653 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. **(\$1,085 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. **(\$9,659 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). **(\$4,345 Available)**
- The [J. Alvin and Vera E. Knepper Hawbaker Memorial Fund](#) supports organizations that provide vital health and education services across Centre County. **(\$3,680 Available)**
- The [Louis E. and Patricia H. Silvi Fund](#) supports early childhood education programs that improve the health, care, and education of young children. **(\$1,024 Available)**
- The [Mattil Family Fund](#) supports animal welfare causes. **(\$909 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. **(\$8,114 Available)**
- The [Philipsburg Area Fund](#) supports Philipsburg-area nonprofit organizations and programs. **(\$1,674 Available)**
- The [Proud to Be An American Fund](#) supports nonprofit organizations that display, encourage, or promote patriotic observances, especially on the 4th of July. **(\$1,420 Available)**
- The [Ruth E. Rishel Charitable Fund](#) supports nonprofit organizations and projects exclusively in the Penns Valley area. **(\$2,207 Available)**
- The [William W. and Helen S. Litke Memorial Fund](#) supports programs for Centre County residents with hearing loss. **(\$16,335 Available)**

Application Questions

Contact Information

- Name of Organization
- Organization's Federal Tax ID Number (EIN)
- What is your organization's charitable status? Only organizations recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or Governmental Units/Agencies are qualified to apply for this grant.
- Organization's Mailing Address: Street Address, City, State, PA, Zip Code
- Individual Submitting Application – Contact Information: First Name, Last Name, Title/Role Within the Organization, Email Address, Phone Number
- Executive Director/CEO/President – Contact Information: First Name, Last Name, Title/Role Within the Organization, Email Address, Phone Number

Program/Project Narrative:

- Name of Program/Project
- Please provide a brief summary (1-2 sentences) of your proposed program/project. (300 characters or fewer)
- Outline the goals of your program/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 program/project reach? Which demographics will be served? (500 characters or fewer)

Program/Project Budget:

- For which Field-of-Interest Fund(s) would you like to apply?
- Requested Grant Amount
- Total Estimated Cost of Program/Project
- Describe your projected budget in detail. Please provide a line-item budget for the requested grant amount. Include specific categories/descriptions with estimated amounts.
- Optional: You may upload a copy of your program/project budget, but you are not required to do so.
- Optional: Is there any additional information you would like us to consider while reviewing your application? (1000 characters or fewer)