2021 Field-of-Interest Grant Guidelines

The [Field-of-Interest](#) grant program is an annual grant opportunity made possible by Centre Foundation's Field-of-Interest funds. Each Field-of-Interest fund is designed to support a particular cause, population, or geographic area, reflecting the passions or interests of the donor(s) who created the fund.

This year, over $75,000 in Field-of-Interest grant funding is available for programs and projects that focus on education, health and social services, music, youth development, and more.

Eligibility

- This opportunity is open to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and governmental units/agencies.

- Funding must be used to support programs/projects in Centre County unless stated otherwise.

- Funding must be used to support programs/projects that comply with Centre Foundation's [Nondiscrimination Policy](#).

- If awarded, funding from this grant must be spent by December 31, 2022. Recipient organizations are required to submit a grant report at the conclusion of the program/project or by December 31, 2022.

Important Dates

- **Monday, September 27, 2021** – Field-of-Interest online grant application form opens.
- **Friday, October 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm** – Deadline to submit Field-of-Interest grant applications.
- **Friday, December 17, 2021** – Notification of grant awards.
- **Before December 31, 2021** – Grant payments issued.

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: While completing the application, you have the option to create an account in order to save the progress of your application prior to submission, but you are not required to do so. Accounts are hosted by Formsite.com, which contains its own privacy policy and terms of use for Formsite.com account holders.

Selecting Funds: Please see the "Fund Information" section for available grant amounts and fund descriptions. 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, based on the fund descriptions.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted by **Friday, October 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm**.

Reporting: The grant period begins upon receipt of funding and ends December 31, 2022. 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.

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.

- 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. **($559 Available)**

- Ben Franklin Fund: benefits citizens of the Commonwealth through grants paid to qualified charities within Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon, and Mifflin counties. **($2,030 Available)**

- 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. **($15,873 Available)**

- Centre Children's Fund: supports organizations that provide programs and services to at-risk children. **($1,666 Available)**

- Centre County Medical Society Fund: supports 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. **($1,095 Available)**

- 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. **($9,760 Available)**

- 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). **($4,379 Available)**

- J. Alvin and Vera E. Knepper Hawbaker Memorial Fund: supports organizations that provide vital health and education services across Centre County. **($3,719 Available)**

- Louis E. and Patricia H. Silvi Fund: supports early childhood education programs that improve the health, care, and education of young children. **($1,029 Available)**

- Mattil Family Fund: supports animal welfare causes. **($904 Available)**

- 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. **($8,303 Available)**

- Philipsburg Area Fund: supports Philipsburg-area nonprofit organizations and programs. **($1,719 Available)**

- Proud to Be An American Fund: supports nonprofit organizations that display, encourage, or promote patriotic observances, especially on the 4th of July. **($1,430 Available)**

- Ruth E. Rishel Charitable Fund: supports nonprofit organizations and projects exclusively in the Penns Valley area. **($2,267 Available)**

- William W. and Helen S. Litke Memorial Fund: supports programs for Centre County residents with hearing loss. **($21,160 Available)**

Application Questions

Contact Information

1. Name of Organization
2. Organization's Federal Tax ID Number (EIN)
3. Which category describes your organization? 501(c)(3) or Governmental Unit/Agency
4. Organization's Mailing Address – Street, City, State, Zip Code
5. Your Contact Information – Name, Title, Email Address and Phone Number
6. Optional: Additional Contact Person – Name, Title, Email Address and Phone Number

Program/Project Information

7. Name of Program/Project

8. Please provide a brief summary (1-2 sentences) of your proposed program/project. (300 characters or fewer)

9. Please describe the nature and purpose of your proposed program/project in detail. Identify what need(s) your program/project addresses and what you hope to accomplish. (3000 characters or fewer)

10. Please describe the target population for your proposed program/project. Include the service area, ages, and numbers served. (1000 characters or fewer)

Program/Project Budget

11. For which Field-of-Interest Fund(s) would you like to apply?
    - ☐ Andrew and Madaline Rishel Family Fund ($559 Available)
    - ☐ Ben Franklin Fund ($2,030 Available)
    - ☐ Carolyn A. Petrus Memorial Seeing Eye Dog Fund ($15,873 Available)
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12. Requested Grant Amount

13. Total Estimated Cost of Program/Project

14. Please share how you would use this grant funding. Include a line-item budget with specific categories, descriptions, and estimated amounts.

15. Optional: You may upload a copy of your program/project budget, but you are not required to do so.

16. Optional: Is there any additional information you would like us to consider while reviewing your application? (1000 characters or fewer)