



GRANT APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Grant Committee looks for opportunities where a modest amount of funding can help an organization accomplish a significant result. Grants generally range from \$500 to \$25,000. The review process is highly competitive, and the board seeks the most productive uses for the limited funds available.

Proposals are sought from organizations which demonstrate in their application:

- Tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and/or public agency status
- A primary base of operations and service provision in the Greater Lakes Region
- A proven history of providing value to the children of the local community, especially children from families of low to moderate income
- Organizational sustainability
- The ability to leverage other funding and/or voluntary support
- The ability to provide the most value with the requested funding
- Cooperation or collaboration with other organizations for greater impact
- Beneficial usage of previous funding supplied by the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction (where applicable)

Grants are generally not awarded:

- To replace public funding or for purposes which are a public responsibility
- For political, sectarian or religious purposes
- For deficit reduction or to pay for activities that have already been completed
- To support academic research
- To organizations that have substantial financial resources that would otherwise allow them to fund what is proposed in their grant request

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please note that in completing the assessment and research necessary to properly present a proposal for funding consideration, we may consult with knowledgeable individuals and agencies active in the same field and may discuss, in general terms, any proposal under consideration.

APPLICATION TIMING

Applications are accepted annually and must be received by October 15th via our online grant application. Grant recipients will be notified by February 28th.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION:

Name of organization:

Mailing Address:

Organization telephone number:

Primary email:

Website:

Contact for this grant:

Title of the contact:

Contact telephone number:

Contact email address:

Name of fiscal agent: (if applicant is not a 501c(3) organization)

How many children does your organization help annually in the Greater Lakes Region area?

(If none currently, how many children will your organization help annually in the Greater Lakes Region area with this grant?)

Please check which of the following category that best represents your organization: (Pick one)

- Child & Family Resources
- Education, Afterschool, Recreation, & the Arts
- Food & Shelter Insecurity & Emergency Needs
- Healthcare, Substance Abuse Prevention, & Victim Outreach

GRANT INFORMATION:

Project Name:

Please indicate which category your requested grant is for:

- To provide basic needs to children, to include but not limited to, food, clothing, shelter, holiday gifts and hygienic needs.
- To provide operational funding to eliminate or mitigate the need for basic and extended services for children.
- To fund capital initiatives that improve the lives of children or enhance the ability of agencies to deliver services.
- To fund agencies that offer scholarships for educational/recreational services to children that can not afford it otherwise.

Requested grant amount: New or existing need?

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE:

Program: Briefly describe your organization, current programs and services, track of success and accomplishments of the previous year. (1500 words)

Organizational Background: Provide a brief history of the organization. (250 words)

Organizational Management: Summarize the most significant leadership strengths and capacities of your senior management team and board. (500 words)

Organizational Partnerships: Briefly describe your most significant collaborations and partnerships with other entities in your field or geographic area. (500 words) *Organizations that leverage partnerships with others in the community tend to maximize their effectiveness. Partnerships and collaborations can serve a variety of purposes, including sharing resources, coordinating advocacy efforts, or improving operations.*

Grant Request Description: Please provide a detailed description of your funding request including answers to the following: What problem or need does your request address? Briefly describe how you intend to use the grant request, including major activities and time periods, and communities that will be affected. What results are you committed to achieving during the grant period? What is the timeline for accomplishing these results? What evidence will prove your success? (1500 words)

How many children in the Greater Lakes Region will this serve?
What percentage of those served in the GLR area are low to moderate-income households?

Financial Position: Briefly discuss the financial position of your organization and your organization's approach to sustainability, including diversification of funding and the role of fundraising and community partnerships. (500 words)

Please upload a list of your top 5 funders and their contribution amount.

Previous Grants:

- Amount received in previous calendar year?
- Amount requested in previous calendar year?
- Please describe how you used the funds.(250 words)

Is there anything else we should know?

UPLOAD:

- A current list of Board Members
- Proof of 501(c)(3) status or proof of Fiscal agent
- A profit & loss statement for the previous fiscal year
- A current balance sheet
- A current organizational operating budget for this fiscal year and last fiscal year
- Program budget for this specific grant
- Your latest 990 form
- Any additional information you want to share
- Final Report of use of funds from last year
- Proof of insurance

Additional documents required for requests over \$5,000

- Your latest audited or reviewed financial report or upload a waiver request letter if you do not have audited or reviewed financials

CONTACT: Info@ChildrensAuction.org with any questions.