The Columbus Foundation and Supporting Foundations Grant Guide

Use this guide to identify grantmaking areas that may be a potential fit for your organization.

Then, visit our Grant Opportunities page to learn more!

ABOUT OUR GRANTMAKING:
The Columbus Foundation administers thousands of grants every year. The vast majority of these grants are directed by living donors who hold Donor Advised Funds at the Foundation. These grants are not made via an application process.

This guide details the grant programs that do accept applications for funding consideration. While Foundation staff review grant proposals, the funds that support them are often established with instructions from the original donor to impact a specific area of interest—like the arts, environment, or education—or a specific, named, organization. These instructions and guidelines are interpreted as “donor intent.”

Ingram-White Castle Foundation, Columbus Youth Foundation, Paul G. Duke Foundation, and Siemer Family Foundation are Supporting Foundations. Each foundation has its own board of directors that determines their grantmaking interest areas, geographic area of focus, grantmaking process, and deadlines, which may differ from the grantmaking of The Columbus Foundation.