

# Community Impact Fund - Fall 2025

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*The Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, Inc.*

Community Impact Fund focus areas:

*Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment*

*Next Generation Leadership/Mentoring*

*Youth Recreation/Activities*

*Programs that enhance Economic Development and Workforce Development*

*Programs that assist households designated as ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)*

## **GRANT REVIEW INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

Grant reviewers play a critical role in redistributing resources to our communities.

Recent topics in the grantmaking sector are:

*power imbalance; values-driven; top-down; trust based philanthropy; unrestricted funding; streamline processes; transparency; responsive; equitable; reducing barriers; listen to those close to the issues; eliminate partial funding practices*

The CFOV grant review evolves to minimize bias and reflect objective results which address some of the current trends in philanthropy as noted above.

As you move through the grant review questions, keep in mind that funding salaries is necessary. Salaries and benefits are often an organization's largest expense commonly making up 60% or more of total expenses.

The organization has already been vetted by the CFOV Program Team. Any grant applications that were submitted and did not meet requirements or pass due diligence have been removed from the queue.

If you have a conflict of interest with an organization such as being on their board of directors, please do not proceed with the review of that grant application.

Any questions about the grant review process can be directed to [debbie@cfov.org](mailto:debbie@cfov.org)

## Conflict of Interest\*

I attest that I can review this grant application objectively and do not have an affiliation with the organization.

### Choices

True

False (do not review the grant. Email [debbie@cfov.org](mailto:debbie@cfov.org) to have the request removed from your list)

## Project Name

*Character Limit: 100*

## Focus Areas\*

The project presents a need that addresses the focus areas of the Community Impact Fund.

*Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment*

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- ♣ 0 *very poor*: does not align at all with focus areas
- ♣ 1 *poor*: very limited alignment with stated focus areas
- ♣ 2 *fair*: some alignment with stated focus areas
- ♣ 3 *good*: aligned with stated focus area
- ♣ 4 *excellent*: clear alignment with stated focus areas

**Scoring Options:** 0 - 4

## Focus Area Comments (optional)

Comments

*Character Limit: 200*

## Objectives and Methods\*

The project objectives and methods are clear and make sense for the project described.

- ♣ 0 *very poor*: objectives/methods are not clear at all
- ♣ 1 *poor*: objectives/methods are present but difficult to clearly recognize
- ♣ 2 *fair*: objectives/methods are clear, but lacking substance
- ♣ 3 *good*: Objectives/methods are clear and include supporting details
- ♣ 4 *excellent*: objectives/methods are clear and include strong supporting details

**Scoring Options:** 0 - 4

## Objectives and Methods Comments (optional)

*Character Limit: 1000*

### Impact and Evaluation\*

The project describes how success will be determined and achieved.

- ♣ 0 *very poor*: impact and evaluation methods are not defined
- ♣ 1 *poor*: impact and evaluation elements are present, but difficult to clearly recognize
- ♣ 2 *fair*: impact and evaluation elements are understood, but lacking substance
- ♣ 3 *good*: impact and evaluation methods are clear and include supporting details
- ♣ 4 *excellent*: impact and evaluation methods are clear and include strong supporting details

**Scoring Options:** 0 - 4

### Impact and Evaluation Comments (optional)

Comments

*Character Limit: 200*

### Project Budget Narrative\*

The budget narrative is being used as the primary budget evaluation measure. While you are encouraged to consider the included project budget, it should be viewed as a secondary companion to the information provided through the narrative response. Diversity in project budget presentation, overall organizational financial structures and reviewer experience makes it difficult to objectively evaluate a financial presentation. By reviewing a narrative response CFOV is demonstrating grantmaking practices that align with evolved principles rooted in trust.

Your response should reflect your thoughts on the overall structure, appropriateness and clarity of the financial plan

Keep in mind that funding salaries is necessary. Salaries and benefits are often an organization's largest expense commonly making up 60% or more of total expenses.

The project budget narrative is clear, concise and makes sense for the project.

- ♣ 0 *very poor*: budget narrative does not enhance project budget or project itself
- ♣ 1 *poor* - *budget narrative offers limited enhancement to project budget or project itself*
- ♣ 2 *fair*: *budget narrative somewhat enhances project budget and project itself*
- ♣ 3 *good*: *budget narrative enhances project budget and project itself*
- ♣ 4 *excellent*: *budget narrative clearly enhances project budget and project itself*

**Scoring Options:** 0 - 4

## Project Budget Comments (optional)

Comments

*Character Limit: 200*

### Organization Budget

The organization's operating budget is kept confidential and is on file at CFOV.

If a committee advisor requests to see the budget in order to make a determination of funding, it will be shared.

Make this request to [debbie@cfov.org](mailto:debbie@cfov.org)

### Discretionary\*

Use these points to indicate your overall opinion of the request. A score of 0 would indicate this request is not great and a score of 4 would indicate you are in favor of this request.

♣ 0

♣ 1

♣ 2

♣ 3

♣ 4

**Scoring Options:** 0 - 4

### Rationale

If this request scored low for you, please provide a brief explanation. This information helps to strengthen future requests through feedback to the applicant and/or changes to the application process.

Individual and collective evaluation scores and comments are not provided to the applicant.

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### Confidentiality\*

The information within the grant application is confidential. Please do not discuss the contents outside of CFOV or the grants committee.

Once funding decisions are determined, please continue confidentiality. CFOV will communicate with the organizations regarding next steps.

### Choices

Agree

Disagree

### Review Process

To make the grant review process more efficient and an overall a better experience, comments and suggestions are appreciated.

Please provide your feedback regarding the grant review process.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS IN THE GRANTMAKING PROCESS FOR THE CFOV  
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