

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of Shelby County

The Kermit T. & Ella M. Kuck Fund
Grant Guidelines

The Community Foundation of Shelby County welcomes grant requests from organizations in and serving the New Knoxville, Ohio area.

2024 grant proposal deadlines: March 7, 2024

Grantmaking Criteria for the Kermit T. & Ella M. Kuck Fund

- Funds will be utilized within the geographic boundaries of the New Knoxville and Sidney, Ohio.
- Encourages more efficient use of community resources and promote coordination, cooperation and sharing among organizations and does not duplicate services.
- Includes a thoughtful, reasonable plan for obtaining continued financial support from internal and/or external sources once Foundation grant monies are expended.
- Requesting organization has obtained an IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Consideration will be given to not-for-profit organizations that do not have a 501(c)(3) ruling, but are conducting charitable projects and are registered as an Ohio nonprofit corporation with the Ohio Secretary of State. Organizations without a 501(c)(3) status may also apply through a fiscal agent (a 501(c)(3) or governmental entity that receives and administers a grant on your behalf).
- Projects requiring multiple-year funding will be considered. Requests for small grants are also welcome.

There are restrictions on the scope of activities the Foundation is able to support. In general, The Foundation does not *typically* make grants from its unrestricted and field of interest funds for:

- General support
- Individuals
- Religious organizations for religious purposes intended to primarily benefit their congregation*
- Political organizations or political action committees for political purposes
- Endowments
- Specific scientific, medical or academic research
- Annual fund raising campaigns from existing organizations

**Protestant ecumenical religious education requests will be considered for organizations within the municipal boundaries of New Knoxville, Ohio.*

To Apply for a Grant

- Complete an online Kermit T. & Ella M. Kuck Fund Grant Proposal. Find the proposal at www.commfoun.com. On the Grants and Scholarships tab, click Apply for a Grant and open the Kermit T. & Ella M. Kuck Fund section to find the application link, Application Tips and a Q&A sheet.
- All applicants must complete the application and provide written explanation of the request, whom in the New Knoxville community will benefit and attach 1-2 price quotes from vendors or contractors. In most cases, two price quotes are preferred.
- Limited attachments such as a photo, drawing, or letter of support from cooperating entities are welcome.
- All grant proposals and supporting documents must be submitted online and by the deadline.

If you have any questions about Community Foundation grants, please contact Juli Smith, Scholarships and Grants Manager at (937) 497-7800 or email to jsmith@commfoun.com