



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the deadline to Apply?

The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, May 22, 2019. 5pm EST. There will be no exceptions.

2. How soon will I hear from you after I apply?

You will immediately get a receipt via email that lets you know that your application has been received. Decisions for funding will be made in early June. Grant seekers will be notified of the decision by July 1. Funding will be made available by July 1.

3. Can I send a proposal or sponsorship letter?

No. Griffith does not accept unsolicited proposals or sponsorship requests. As a measure to maintain equity and fairness, we ask that all grant seekers use the defined application process to request project funding.

4. Can I send in additional information to GFF in relation to my funding request?

No. We ask that you complete the application to the best of your ability. Within the application, there is space to submit up to two files of additional information. Information such as flyers, report summaries, etc. will be reviewed.

5. Can I set a meeting to review my application before I submit?

Because of the limited staff at the foundation we are not able to set meetings to review applications. A Question and Answer session will be made available to explain components of the application. Additionally, you can always email

specific questions that you may find difficult to hello@griffithfamilyfoundation.com. We will do our best to get back with you within 48 hours.

6. What is the maximum amount of funding that I can request?

The amount that you request from the Foundation should be proportionate to your organizational budget, project budget, and expected income from other sources. The Foundation generally funds no more than 30% of a project's full budget. Because of the limited amount of funds and high level of requests, requests of more than \$100,000 will not be reviewed.

7. What are the foundation's funding priorities?

The foundation funds programming efforts that enhance education, arts and culture and economic health in the city of Macon-Bibb. Our funding highlights the social justice philanthropic framework and prioritizes efforts that increase capacity building of community organizations or community members, empowerment for marginalized communities and individuals, and the creation or expansion of opportunities for high need populations to access quality of life services.

8. Do you fund events and activities?

No. One off events and activities will not be funded. Only in as much as the activity is related to a larger project goal will the request be considered.

9. Do you fund new projects?

Projects that are new and ongoing can be funded.

10. Do you fund capital projects?

Because of the limited amount of funding available, we do not fund capital projects¹.

11. Do you fund scholarships?

Griffith offers several scholarship opportunities through the foundation including the Griffith Family scholarship for Macon-Bibb students attending Mercer University, a financial need based scholarship for students attending

¹ Capital Project: a project that helps maintain or improve a city asset, often called infrastructure. For example: new construction, expansion, renovation, or replacement project for an existing facility or facilities

Stratford Academy and an annual scholarship for high schoolers in Bibb County. Griffith has supported the Dr. Curtis Jones Scholarship for Bibb County students. The foundation does not support additional fundraising for scholarship efforts.

12. Do you fund conference attendance through this application process?

No.

13. Does the Foundation fund operating expenses?

While we prefer to support programming efforts, operating expenses can be funded on a limited basis inasmuch as it supports capacity building grants.

14. If I do not submit my application in time, may I request an extension?

Unfortunately, no. Because there are so many requests, we have to have a definite cut off time for applications. You will be able to apply for this grant process during the next open cycle. We ask that you apply early and before the deadline so that if there are technical difficulties they can be addressed before applications close.

15. Do you make site visits?

After your organization has received funding we are available to visit the institution, programming or recurrent activity at your request and availability. But we do not officially visits for the purpose of reporting.

16. Do you offer multi year grants?

Yes. But on a limited basis.

17. Do you fund projects outside of Macon-Bibb?

No. We only fund requests that support initiatives in Macon-Bibb County, Georgia.

18. Does the foundation fund grants to organizations that are not 501c3s?

The organization only funds 501c3 organizations. In certain cases, a fiscal agent can be utilized, particularly as the organization is awaiting an IRS determination letter. In that case, please share the EIN number.

19. Does the Foundation make grants to individuals?

No.

20. Is there anything else that the organization does not fund?

The organization does not fund political or religious activities, tuition assistance, fundraising drives, honorary functions, or non mission related activities.

For more information regarding how we fund, please review the How We Fund PDF on our website.