



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2020 GRANT APPLICATION

1. What is the deadline to Apply?

The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, April 29, 2020. 5pm EST. There will be NO exceptions.

2. What types of grants do you fund?

The 2020 application cycle will fund community-based needs in the areas of Arts & Culture, Education and the creation of economic opportunities. Projects or organizations that address the strategic priorities, operate with a social justice lens, or utilize a grassroots approach to drive community transformation are prioritized.

3. 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 May. Grant seekers will be notified of the decision by Mid-June. Funding will be made available before July 1, 2020.

4. 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.

5. 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. (up to 2 pages each) will be reviewed.

6. 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 webinar 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.

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

Because of the limited amount of funds and high level of requests, grants range from \$2500 to \$50,000

8. 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. Funding 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.

9 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.

10. Do you fund new projects?

New projects, while not preferred, are considered with close attention to the potential for success and sustainability.

11. Do you fund capital projects?

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

12. Do you fund scholarships?

No Griffith offers several scholarship opportunities through the foundation including the Griffith Family Scholarship for Macon-Bibb incoming Freshman attending Mercer University, a financial need based scholarship for students attending 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.

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

No.

14. Does the Foundation fund operating expenses?

Support for new or ongoing programming efforts are generally preferred. However, inasmuch as the operating expenditures directly impact the success of a program, it will be reviewed on a limited basis.

15. May I request an extension for the application deadline?

No. If your organization is unable to submit the application in full, you will be able to submit during the next open application cycle in Spring 2021. We recommend that your team apply early during the present cycle to avoid and technical difficulties that may occur.

16. 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 do official visits for the purpose of reporting.

17. Do you offer multi year grants?

No. Multiyear grants are not available through the community grants process.

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

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

19. 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.

20. Does the Foundation make grants to individuals?

No.

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

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

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the How We Fund PDF on our website.**