

BGCF365 Charitable Fund at Blue Grass Community Foundation is accepting proposals from tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that work to provide healthy neighborhoods for residents of Fayette County. Factors that contribute to the health of the neighborhood include, but are not limited to, safety and physical environment; food access; transportation; access to healthcare and other institutional services; and social connectedness. Successful proposals will specifically address disparities in resources and conditions among neighborhoods in Fayette County. Proposals and organizations must demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Proposals for project/program or operating support will be accepted.

This is a competitive grantmaking process. Grant applications will be reviewed by the BGCF365 Steering Committee and narrowed to five finalists. Representatives from the top five grant contenders will be required to present a short (maximum 10 minutes) presentation to the members of BGCF365 at their annual meeting in January 2022. Grants will be awarded based on membership votes. The first and second place winners will receive \$10,000 and \$7,500 respectively. Prizes of \$2,500 will be given for third, fourth and fifth place. All grants awarded will be for unrestricted support.

**Eligibility:**

- Organizations located in Fayette County and serves residents of Fayette County
- Organizations classified as nonprofit charitable organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code or that have a fiscal sponsor with a 501(c)(3) designation; or other public institutions or entities that have a designated charitable purpose, such as a school or unit of government.
- Organizations that do not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, citizenship status, creed, religion, religious affiliation, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, veteran status or any other protected status under applicable law.
- Organizations that have a GuideStar Seal of Transparency at the **Gold level** or higher. [GuideStar.org](https://www.guidestar.org) a national database of nonprofits recognized as 501(c)(3) organizations by the IRS. Organizations have free access to their profile on the site and can provide added information to increase the level of Transparency. [Click here](#) to learn more about earning your seal of transparency. Please note if your organization is a school or government, your organization is not eligible to have a GuideStar profile and this requirement is waived.
- Organizations with religious affiliations will be considered for funding only if the project for which they seek support attempts to address the needs of the wider community without regard to religious beliefs.
- Organizations that do not have final grant reports that are past due to Blue Grass Community Foundation.
- Organizations must be able to present to the BGCF365 membership at the annual meeting in January 2022.

**Deadline to apply:** November 1, 2021, by 5:00 pm

**Finalist Presentations:** January 2022

**Grant Period:** January 2022 – September 30, 2022

**How To Apply:**

During the period of Blue Grass Community Foundation's transition to a new online application platform, grant applicants will submit a proposal that includes all the below required information via email. Proposals should be submitted in .pdf, .doc, or .docx format and should not exceed four pages (including the project budget). Proposals should be emailed to [grants@bgcf.org](mailto:grants@bgcf.org).

Proposals must be clearly labeled with the following information:

- **Organization Information**

- Name of Applicant Organization
- Organization Address
- Name of Staff Contact for the Grant
- Email for Staff Contact
- Organization Telephone Number
- Organization EIN#
- Organization's total operating budget for the fiscal year
- Is your organization designated a 501(c)(3) by the IRS
- Fiscal Sponsor Organization Information (only if applying with Fiscal Sponsor)
  - Fiscal Sponsor Organization Address
  - Fiscal Sponsor Organization Staff Contact
  - Fiscal Sponsor Organization Staff Contact Email
  - Fiscal Sponsor Organization Telephone Number
  - Fiscal Sponsor Organization EIN#

- **Project Information**

- Project Title
- Short Project Description (no more than two sentences)
- Amount Requested
- Total Project Cost
- Are you able to accept partial funding for this project?
- Full Project Description (no more than 500 words)
- Project Impact – describe how the project specifically addresses the disparities in health of neighborhoods in Fayette County (no more than 250 words)
- Project Success – describe how the organization will define success for this project and the measures it will use in its evaluation (no more than 250 words)
- Estimated number of people who will benefit
- What specific populations will benefit from the project?
- Project Timeline

- **Project/Program Budget**

- Include a budget for the project/program

## Questions?

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