Aging Well in the Bluegrass

Grant Opportunity made possible by The Beulah S. Mays Charitable Endowment

With funding from the Beulah S. Mays Charitable Endowment, Blue Grass Community Foundation seeks to provide support to **nonprofit organizations that are directly serving older adults in Central and Eastern Kentucky.** The Community Foundation is focused on supporting organizations that specifically serve individuals impacted by the challenges of aging and age-related diseases. Special consideration will be given to those organizations addressing the needs of older adults suffering from dementia-related diseases and their caregivers; as well as those organizations whose services benefit underserved populations. This opportunity is made available exclusively to those nonprofits and agencies whose primary mission is focused on the aging community, dementia, and other age-related issues. Proposals for project support, as well as general operating support, will be considered.

Grant Timeline + Award Information:

- **Deadline to apply:** **July 6, 2026 at 11:59 pm**
- **Notification:** August 2026
- **Grant Period:** August 2026 – July 2028 (two-year commitment)
- **Grant Amount:** Up to $20,000 over two years
- **Payment Schedule:** Year 1 funds will be disbursed at the start of the grant period.
  Year 2 funds will be disbursed upon receipt of a brief annual progress report
- **Total Grant Pool:** $80,000 (over two years)

Eligibility:

- Applicant organization must be located in or provide services to residents of Central and Eastern Kentucky
- Applicant organization must be classified as a nonprofit charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code; have a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)(3) designation; or be a publicly supported organization such as a school district, municipality, or government agency.
- Primary mission of applicant organization must be focused on the aging community, dementia, and/or other age-related issues.
- Applicant organization must have a Seal of Transparency at the **Gold level** or higher on **Candid**, a national database of nonprofit organizations classified as tax-exempt 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 public school or government entity, your organization is not eligible to have a Candid profile and this requirement is waived. For questions regarding Candid/GuideStar, please contact Candid directly at support@candid.org.
- Organization does not have any overdue final reports for any previous grants funded by BGCF.
- Organization does 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.
- Organization with religious affiliation will be considered for funding only if the project for which it seeks support attempts to address the needs of the wider community without regard to religious beliefs.

How to Apply:

Visit Blue Grass Community Foundation's Grant Application Online Portal to access the application:
https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=bgcf

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