

# Innovation Grant Application



GREENWOOD COUNTY  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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**The Innovation Grant** supports creative ideas that foster strategic change within the Greenwood County community. This Grant generates collective excitement due to its originality and courageous approach to addressing root causes of systemic problems or deficiencies, or by contributing to a healthy, thriving community. Successful proposals will stretch the imagination and enrich lives. Collaboration and partnerships among organizations are expected and essential to assure lasting impact and success.

Innovation Grants are unique among those awarded by GCCF. These proposals may be considered for larger amounts than in other cycles and/or multi-year commitments. They are more competitive; only one or two may be funded in this annual grant cycle, and in some years there is not an Innovation Grant awarded.

Prospective applicants *must contact Foundation staff* for further details before making application, as well as *attend **one (1) mandatory orientation meeting***. The meetings will be held on **Tuesday, March 1 at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm and on Wednesday, March 2 at 8:30 am** in GCCF offices (located in The United Center, 929 Phoenix St., Greenwood). ***Please contact GCCF in advance*** to indicate date and time of attendance.

## ***Criteria for the Innovation Grant***

### **Does the proposed project:**

- creatively address an identifiable community need or aspect of quality of life?
- meaningfully engage stakeholders and, whenever possible, include those directly affected by the problem?
- reflect effective collaboration with other community organizations?
- use existing resources and maximize current community assets?
- have potential to generate broad community support and to become self-sustaining over time?
- include evaluation mechanism/metrics?

Innovation applications received April 1 - April 30, 2016, reviewed during May, with notifications given and notifications given and funds granted made available by June 30

## Contact Information

Organization's Legal Name	
Executive Director's Name	
Email Address	
Office Phone	
Program Coordinator's Name	
Email Address	
Office Phone	
Organization's Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
(If different) Mailing Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
EIN (Fed Tax ID Number)	

**Summary: Amount of the Grant Requested, Purpose of the Grant Requested**

Note requested amount; give a brief summary of the program to which the grant will be applied; is this a new or existing program?

**The Program for which you are requesting funding:**

Describe the problem or opportunity the Program addresses.

What steps has your organization taken to assess the population affected by the problem or opportunity? How many people in Greenwood County are affected by this problem/opportunity?

Summarize the program's overall plan of activity to address the problem or opportunity.

How does this program or project exemplify Innovation in Greenwood County? How does it relate to the definition and criteria for the Innovation grant?

What other organizations or programs in Greenwood County address this problem or opportunity?

How has your organization collaborated with these organizations?

Identify the expected outcomes the organization is committed to achieving for the first, second and third years of this program or project.

What measures will be used to demonstrate the impact of this program on the population served?

What strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and obstacles do you anticipate for your proposed program or project?

Attach the following (may be sent as .pdf files to [staff@greenwoodcf.org](mailto:staff@greenwoodcf.org)):

- Organizational budget
- Program or project budget (including other anticipated sources of funding)
- Most recent financial statement
- Proof of IRS tax-exempt status dated within the past five years
- Anti-discrimination statement adopted by the Board of Directors
- Annual Report if available

### **The Organization requesting funding:**

What are the Mission and Vision Statements of your organization?

How long has your organization been in existence?

Please provide a history of your organization's work in Greenwood County.

List the names (and affiliations) of all members currently on the organization’s Board of Directors.

Please describe all current programs and services of the organization.

**The following three questions are to assist the Foundation in its service to local organizations and do not weigh into the grant evaluation process.**

Do your Board and staff reflect the demographic of Greenwood County?

Does the organization have an endowment? What is your strategy for long-term funding?

In what ways (in addition to direct monetary assistance) might the Greenwood Community Foundation serve to strengthen the work of your organization?

### Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

### Thank you for your grant application submission!

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