Davidson Community Foundation
Grant Application

OUR MISSION

Davidson Community Foundation (DCF) launched its efforts in early 2020. DCF's mission is to improve and enhance the lives of Davidson-area residents, now and for generations to come. Our organization works with local leaders, donors, and nonprofit organizations to address Davidson's most pressing needs.

OUR VISION AND PURPOSE

The Davidson Community Foundation's vision is to enhance the capacity of local nonprofits and direct strategic funding toward critical community needs.

DCF carefully evaluates both the needs of the Davidson community and the effective use of funds for transformative projects and emergency relief with a focus on (1) affordable housing (including critical home repairs), (2) early childhood education, and (3) critical personal needs, with an emphasis on the emergency health and safety needs of Davidson's senior (age 65+) and disabled citizens. DCF seeks to strategically utilize grant awards to leverage or attract additional funding or support from other organizations.

The Davidson Community Foundation is an IRS-approved 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. DCF is guided by a diverse, all-volunteer board of directors.

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FUNDING CRITERIA

The following are the criteria set forth by the Davidson Community Foundation Board of Directors for consideration of funding by DCF:

DCF funding must primarily serve the needs of the local Community, defined as the town of Davidson.

This policy does not prevent the Foundation from supporting activities of an organization or funding requests outside the Community where it is clear that the Foundation's support would directly benefit Davidson citizens.

- **The Foundation provides support for specific projects or programs with objectives related to affordable housing, child development, and critical personal needs.**

- In general, DCF will not provide seed money to organizations that are not yet formed or do not have a proven "operating model" to deliver services, or do not have their 501(c)3 tax-exempt status with at least a two-year operating history. However, grant requests from early-stage nonprofits will be considered on an exception basis.

- DCF will consider program/project-related costs, with an allowance for administrative expenses up to 25% of the total grant.

- DCF's strong preference is to support single-year grants, with an option to renew based on the nonprofit's performance.

- DCF will consider grants to capital campaigns and challenge/matching grants, on condition that the targeted additional funds are raised from other sources.

DCF will not support organizations whose principal purpose includes:

- Funding individuals or families, including memorial campaigns.

- Organizations whose principal purpose is to re-

- gift the funds received (e.g., other foundations).

- Private schools, churches, or other religious organizations, unless the applicant can demonstrate a clear and substantial non-sectarian benefit to the Davidson community as a whole, as opposed to just the members of the applying organization.

- Arts-based programs.

- Political, labor, fraternal organizations, civic clubs or candidates.

- Conferences, sports competitions, continuing education, or fundraising events.

DCF MAKES GRANTS TWO (2) TIMES PER YEAR

If you believe that your organization meets the criteria above and you are interested in pursuing a grant from the DCF, please complete the following application, provide the other information requested, and submit to us at (info@davidsoncommunityfoundation.org) per the following schedule:

For consideration at the July grant-making meeting, please submit this application by **MAY 15th**.

For consideration at the December grant-making meeting, please submit this application by **OCTOBER 15th.**

Please note, the DCF Board will review and consider grants for emergency needs outside the regular grant cycle, as necessary.

I certify that I have read the material above and believe that our organization meets the requirements necessary to be considered for a grant:

_____

Signature, President, Executive Director or Board Chair

_____

Name / Position

_____

Address *City* *Zip Code*

GRANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Application Date: _____ Tax ID: _____ Year Founded:_____

Legal name of organization: _____

Executive Director: _____ Phone number: _____

Contact person/title/phone number *(if different from Executive Director)*: _____

Address *(mailing)*: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Website(s): _____

List any previous support from the DCF in the last 3 years: _____

Program/Project Name: _____

Purpose of Grant *(one sentence)*: _____

PRIMARY GRANT TYPE:

Early Stage _____

Growth _____

Maintenance _____

SERVICES:

Housing_____

Critical Needs _____

Child Development _____

Other _____

PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES:

Seniors/Adults_____

Kids _____

Families _____

Planned Program/Project Start Date: _____ Planned Completion Date: _____

Amount Requested: _____ Total Program/Project Cost: $_____

Organization's Annual Operating Budget: _____ Program/Project Operating Budget: _____

_____ % of Organization's Operating Budget for admin/fundraising expenses.

_____ % of proposed Program/Project Operating Budget for admin/fundraising expenses.

Expected Number of People Assisted _____

Geographic Area Where Beneficiaries Live:

Davidson _____%

Other (be specific): _____%

GRANT APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Please provide answers to the following. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

1

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT ORGANIZATION:

Include history, mission, and goals. Please describe current programs, activities and accomplishments. Please include the number of full and part-time paid staff, the number of volunteers and volunteer hours donated, the number of beneficiaries/clients served, and any other quantifiable information that will help us evaluate the effectiveness of your organization.

2

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

Please describe needs/problems to be addressed; target population and how they will benefit; program/project goals; measurable objectives; action plans; and whether this is a new or ongoing part of your organization's activities. Acknowledge similar existing projects or agencies, if any, and explain how your agency or proposal differs.

3

QUALIFICATIONS OF PROJECT PERSONNEL:

Please describe the qualifications of key staff & volunteers who will ensure the success of the program/project.

4 PROJECT/PROGRAM EVALUATION:

Who will be responsible for evaluating the program/project, and how will success be defined and measured? What will be the quantitative and qualitative direct benefits to the beneficiaries? What will the benefits be to the Davidson community?

5 PROJECT/PROGRAM DURATION:

If this will be an ongoing program, please describe the strategy for its funding at the end of the grant period.

6 PROJECT/PROGRAM FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND METRICS:

Please submit a project/program budget. Please include all direct project/program costs, other funding secured and its source(s), other organizations from which you are seeking funding, and the amount(s). How many people will the project/program directly benefit?

7 CERTIFICATION:

On behalf of our organization, I certify that the information in this application, including attachments, is true and correct.

Signature, Executive Director, President or Authorizing Official

Name / Position

Address *City* *Zip Code*

ADDENDUM TO GRANT APPLICATION

To be considered in a given grant cycle, applications must be completed and e-mailed to The Davidson Community Foundation (info@davidsoncommunityfoundation.org) no later than the dates mentioned earlier (MAY 15th or OCTOBER 15th). Grant applications must be completed in their entirety to be considered.

A COMPLETE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DAVIDSON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- a copy of your IRS 501(c)(3) verification
- a copy of your financials, including: the previous two years' Income Statement and Balance Sheet, your most recent IRS 990, as well as the current year Operating Budget
- a copy of the names of your Board of Directors

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