



GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Munzer Foundation's mission is to strengthen community, family and individuals through effective and focused philanthropy. Our grantmaking program is designed to be responsive and values-centered. We want to support organizations providing services for those most in-need within our identified geographic and program areas.

The following guidelines provide an overview of the Foundation's grants program, including the three core program areas, constituencies to be served, eligibility requirements, types of support, and application process.

THREE CORE PROGRAM AREAS

The Munzer Foundation supports organizations within our three core program areas:

➤ **Build Strong Family Support Systems**

Families play an integral role in the development of children. Today, families are defined broadly: single parent households, extended family support systems, foster parents, and guardians, among others. Low income families face unparalleled challenges in finding affordable housing, quality childcare, safe neighborhoods, and adequate employment. Immigrant and ethnically diverse families also struggle with language and cultural barriers, discrimination, and challenges in navigating health and education bureaucracies.

Through grants to nonprofit organizations, The Munzer Foundation seeks to strengthen the support systems that help families overcome barriers so that their children can develop in a positive and enriching environment.

We are especially interested in supporting organizations and programs that provide:

- Family counseling services
(e.g., counseling programs that support marginalized families or caregivers, mental health or substance abuse programs, wrap-around youth programs with family focus)
- Language support for parents/caregivers
(e.g., English classes for non-English speaking parents/caregivers)
- Increasing access to community resources
(e.g., outreach efforts that raise awareness about local resources and support services for families, community resource fairs)
- Social and emotional support for women and children

(e.g., employment resources for mothers/guardians, resources on parenting, domestic violence services)

➤ **Provide Educational Opportunities to the Underserved**

Education lifts people out of poverty and amplifies opportunities in life. The systems of support that surround the education system are critical to children's success in school. They provide enhanced English learning reinforcement, exposure to subjects not well covered in school curriculum, and services that support the healthy mental and social development of young people.

The Munzer Foundation seeks to strengthen this web of support, with an emphasis on programs that serve infants and children from birth through 12th grade as well as children and youth that are most in-need. This includes after-school academic or enrichment programs, programs that stimulate intellectual curiosity and expand a child's perspective, and support services focused on the acquisition of language and speech.

We seek to support organizations and programs that:

- Provide affordable and enriching childcare
(e.g., early childhood centers, daycare centers)
- Extend learning and enrichment opportunities for children after school hours
(e.g., after-school programming that focuses on the arts, recreation and physical activity, or programs that build confidence and social understanding)
- Inspire children to finish high school and look beyond
(e.g., youth mentoring programs, tutoring programs or other kind of academic support for in-need youth, college bound programs for young children)
- Promote language and literacy skills among children
(e.g., programs that support children in learning English, services that provide speech therapy or acquisition for high need populations including the disabled)
- Promote knowledge and awareness of the environment
(e.g., environmental education programs offered in school or after-school, programs that expose children to environmental stewardship and conservation, outdoor experiences, and direct engagement with nature for children)

➤ **Provide Access to Necessary Healthcare**

Despite the growth of community medical services and overall expansion of health insurance coverage, access to healthcare for children is challenging. Barriers to access include limited health service locations and hours (especially for working families), language and cultural obstacles in understanding of how to access services, and lack of knowledge of health promotion strategies and available resources for young children.

The Foundation is responsive to ever-changing healthcare needs and strategies for providing care that often span beyond the hospital. We focus on organizations and programs that provide healthcare and preventative care services to vulnerable populations with limited access to health resources. Further, we support the promotion of opportunities for underrepresented populations to enter the healthcare field, as this provides excellent career pathways and greater ethnic and cultural diversity amongst healthcare practitioners that further enhances equal access to care.

We seek to support organizations and programs that promote:

- Provision of basic healthcare for children
(*e.g., health clinics, dental clinics, school based clinics*)
- Preventative care services that promote healthy habits and lifestyles
(*e.g., community outreach efforts, programs focused on nutrition or wellness, screening programs*)
- Social and emotional support for families with children with chronic illness or conditions
(*e.g., family centered programs, support groups or workshops*)
- Careers in healthcare for underrepresented populations
(*e.g., health career awareness efforts especially in middle schools or high schools*)

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

The Munzer Foundation focuses its grantmaking on local communities where our family lives and works. Our grantmaking is concentrated primarily in Long Beach, CA to honor our family roots and the community where our Foundation was established.

Within each of the communities we serve, we strive to achieve the greatest impact by concentrating our resources to support children, families, and neighborhoods of highest needs.

FUNDING AMOUNTS AND TYPES OF SUPPORT

Core Grants Program: Grants will be provided to support effective organizations and projects within our identified program areas and geographic focus. Foundation grants will range between \$10,000 and \$125,000. Please note that we typically do not provide high-level grants (\$50,000+) to organizations applying for the first time.

We look to address high priority needs of the nonprofit organizations with whom we partner. This includes support for:

- New programs, existing programs, or enhancements to existing programs
- Capacity-building
- Capital purchases or renovations

For information on how to apply to the core grants program, please see “Application Process” on page 4.

- **Large Grants Program:** The large grants program is by invitation only and for those organizations with an established relationship with The Munzer Foundation. Grants awarded in this category are generally in the amount of \$125,000 and above. Organizations invited to apply for the large grants program will complete a separate application provided to them by the Foundation.

All grant recipients will be required to submit a narrative and financial report at the end of the grant period.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Organizations submitting requests must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Tax exempt under IRS Section 501(c)(3)
- Provide services that address pressing needs at a community-based level
- Programs and/or services must be provided within an identified Munzer Foundation community

Ineligible

Funds will not be granted to the following:

- Individuals
- Endowments
- Private foundations
- Government agencies and institutions
- Political campaigns or lobbying

EVALUATION CRITERIA

A number of factors will be considered in determining the ultimate size of a grant including demonstration of past impact, pressing needs and potential outcomes, size of an organization’s operating budget, other committed funding streams, or ability to leverage a Munzer Foundation grant.

CORE GRANTS APPLICATION PROCESS

Organizations applying for a core grant should use the following process:

➤ **Full Proposal**

The first step in the application process for the 2019 Open Grant Cycle is submission of a Proposal. Proposals will be reviewed by Foundation staff and Board members and might include a site visit.

Only electronic submission will be accepted. **Proposals are accepted June 4, 2018 through September 7, 2018.** Please email all proposals and attachments to info@munzerfdn.org.

➤ **Grant Awards**

Organizations will be notified of grant awards in June 2019.

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