



DEKALB COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

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Promise Grants - Subvención de Promesa

GRANT GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

The Promise Grant program is supported by two charitable Funds at the Foundation:

- **The Promise Fund – El Fondo de la Promesa** - awards grants to charitable organizations that **build belonging and empower people in DeKalb County who are marginalized and labeled as ‘other’**.
- **Howard & Mildred Eychaner Fund** – awards grants to charitable organizations addressing affordable housing and healthcare needs of residents within DeKalb Township.

ELIGIBILITY

Organizations eligible to apply for a Promise Grant are:

1. Agencies operating as a 501(c)3 / non-profit entity in DeKalb County, specifically those agencies working to empower *underserved* people with specific or one-time needs.
2. School Districts, schools or education facilities
3. Churches and church related groups if proposed program is not religious in nature and does not require a religious commitment to participate
4. Municipal or governmental entities

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

Promise Grant applications are due online by 11:59 pm **Monday, November 15, 2021**. Grant applications must be submitted online. Grant decisions are generally made within one month of the application deadline and applicants will be notified electronically or by phone.

Requests for funding from the 2021 Promise Grants should not exceed \$5,000.

Community Foundation staff and Promise Grants Committee members may contact applicants for further information.

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex and gender identity, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, physical or mental ability, pregnancy, veteran status, military obligations, marital or parental status, political affiliation, or any other improper criterion be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available by the community foundation, and any other program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated for grants, cooperative agreements, and other assistance administered by the community foundation.

GRANTMAKING PRIORITIES

Proposed projects will be reviewed on the basis of the following priorities:

- Increase participation (empowerment) of *underserved* populations in the center of community life
- Develop leadership skills in marginalized populations
- Increase understanding and tolerance
- Raise educational levels and enhance the quality of life
- Strengthen organizations with the capacity to transform community perspectives
- Projects related to healthcare and affordable housing within DeKalb Township

PROJECTS GENERALLY NOT FUNDED

- Religious purposes (grants can be given to religious organizations for non-religious purposes, or facilities such as day-care centers that have non-profit status independent from a sponsoring church or religious organization)
- Purchase of advertising
- Capital or operation debt reduction
- Any political campaign or to support attempts to influence legislative issues of any government body
- Financial support to specific individuals

GRANT REPORTING

All grant recipients are required to submit a final Promise Grant Report (available through the online grant process) upon completion of the project or purpose for which the grant was requested.

**Questions? Contact Marc Hooks, Grants and Community Initiatives Manager
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