



Grant Opportunities

Finding funding for your volunteer projects

Grant opportunities for your volunteer program will often come in disguise – not mentioning volunteering specifically. Be sure to read through a grant's qualifications carefully to find out how their funding goals may match your program.

Other sources of funding information: Indiana Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI), www.ofbc.org and Indiana Youth Institute, www.iyi.org

Best Buy Community Grants

Through the Community Grants Program, each Best Buy territory across the United States annually selects non-profit organizations that apply for grants to support programs and services that provide opportunities for young teens related to education, life skills, leadership skills or relationship development. This year, Best Buy Children's Foundation will give \$1 million through the Community Grants Program.

Best Buy seeks applications from organizations that have current 501(c)(3) tax status and are serving a diverse population of young teens and their families in the areas of learning, life skills, leadership or relationship development. Special consideration will be given to programs that: Are high quality and serve a diverse population; Build social, academic, leadership and/or life skills in early adolescents (primarily ages 13-18); Show positive results against a demonstrated community need; Reach at-risk children in working families

Funding Guidelines

* Grants will average \$5000-\$7000 and will not exceed \$10,000.

* Organizations should review the grant eligibility quiz online at <http://www.easymatch.com/bestbuygrant> to determine if they are eligible to apply.

* Grants are awarded for one year and are not intended to be recurring funding. We invite grantees to re-apply in subsequent years based on program results, although there are no guarantees of multi-year grants.

Process

May - Grant application opens.

Review guidelines and apply online at <http://www.easymatch.com/bestbuygrant>

June - Deadline to submit application for 2009 grants. All applications must be submitted online - hard copy applications will not be considered.

August - Grant announcement and awards.

www.easymatch.com/bestbuygrant or contact bestbuygrant@easymatch.com or 866-625-4350.

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City of Bloomington Community Arts Commission Grants

The City of Bloomington Community Arts Commission (BCAC) announces that applications are now available for the Spring Cycle of the Arts Project Grant Program. Deadline for applications is October 1, 2009. The BCAC encourages all eligible artists and organizations to apply. Grants of up to \$1,000 may be awarded to nonprofit organizations participating in arts activities that align with the mission of the BCAC, which is to stimulate the appreciation and development of artistic activities and educational programs in Bloomington. All activities supported through the grant must be located within the City of Bloomington. Interested artists and nonprofit organizations should visit <http://bloomington.in.gov/bcac> to download an application. Questions can be directed to Miah Michaelson, Assistant Economic Development Director for the Arts, at michaelm@bloomington.in.gov or 812.349.3534.

Comcast Foundation

The Comcast Foundation was established by Comcast Corporation to provide charitable support to Section 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations. The Foundation primarily invests in programs intended to have a positive, sustainable impact in the areas of volunteerism, literacy, and youth leadership development. Since its inception, the Comcast Foundation has donated more than \$43 million to organization in the communities that Comcast serves nationwide. More information about the Foundation and it's programs is available at www.comcast.com/neighborhood

Fifth Third Foundation

Many of the grants are made to not-for-profit organizations that support four primary areas: Arts and Culture; Community Development; Education and; Health and Human Services.

Contact: Capitol Center, 251 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 Phone: (317) 383-2636

Home Depot Foundation

The preference is given to proposals that include: Community engagement, preservation, financing of housing units for low-income families.

The most promising proposals incorporate a number of "green" building design practices. Clearly demonstrate how tree strategies integrated with affordable housing production/preservation create healthier, more vibrant communities will have a distinct advantage.

Grant Cycles: Please visit the web site regularly for the latest information regarding grant cycle deadlines. The Foundation will consider only one proposal per calendar year from the same organization.

Contact:<http://homedepotfoundation.org/grants.html>

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Corporate Giving Program

Special emphasis is directed toward organizations involved with community asset development, community life and youth education.

Community Asset Development

JP Morgan Chase supports programs designed to promote public policies that affect the well-being of the community by stimulating economic growth and community development; and promote the effective management of non-profits.

www.jpmorganchase.com/cm/cs?pagename=Chase/Href&urlname=jpmc/community

Lilly Endowment Inc.

Community Development

Indiana Initiatives: including community leadership development, United Ways, community foundations, and global perspective and competitiveness

[www.lillyendowment.org/community development.html](http://www.lillyendowment.org/community%20development.html)

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MetLife Foundation

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Description: The foundation makes grants in the following areas of concern: health, civic affairs, education, and culture.

Who May Apply: The MetLife Foundation makes contributions only to organizations that have been granted exemption from the federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.

www.metlife.com/about/corporate-profile/citizenship/metlife-foundation/index.html

State Farm Grants

Strong Neighborhoods (community development)

Communities are the foundation and lifeblood of society. The condition of available housing and services greatly affects the quality of life for residents and the stability of the community. State Farm is committed to helping maintain the vibrancy and culture of neighborhoods in various communities throughout the U.S. and Canada. We demonstrate this commitment by supporting nonprofit organizations' programs that: Make housing affordable; promote first-time homeownership; eliminate barriers to homeownership; educate homebuyers about insurance, loss mitigation and homeownership; foster sustainable communities; rehabilitate neighborhoods or communities

www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/grants.asp

Stults Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation supports non-profits that provide: Aging service, housing and shelter, community development and human services. Initial approach: letter Deadline: none

Contact: Marvin K. Stults, Pres.

2449 S. Country Rd., 500 E.

Paoli, IN 47454-9433

U.S. Bancorp Foundation, Inc.

The foundation supports organizations involved with: Arts and culture; education; employment; housing; youth development; human services, and community development. Special emphasis is directed toward programs designed to improve the educational and economic opportunities of low and moderate-income populations; and provide home buyer counseling and related economic education to individuals and families with low and moderate incomes.

www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/about/community_relations/charit_giving.cfm

UPS Foundation

The foundation supports nonprofits focused on many areas including: Nonprofit effectiveness; volunteer management, leadership development and new technology.

Due Date: Unsolicited applications are not accepted, but you can start your relationship with this foundation by contacting your area UPS branch and developing volunteer opportunities for its staff.

www.community.ups.com/foundation

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