

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF UPPER ST. CLAIR

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Grant Funding Guidelines

The mission of the Community Foundation of Upper St. Clair is “to foster a sense of community through enhancing the quality of life for the people of Upper St. Clair.” In order to accomplish this mission, funds are secured through grants from the state government and other foundations, funds received for special projects or memorials, fund raisers, and donations.

As the trustees evaluate grant requests, four basic criteria are applied:

- **Partnering**

The trustees, as stewards of the financial resources of the Community Foundation, wish to maximize the benefits of its resources. This can best be accomplished when those individuals or organizations seeking funding have already secured a portion/s of the projected needs through other source/s.

- **New Initiatives**

Many avenues may be taken in accomplishing the mission of the Foundation. New, different and creative ideas are encouraged through the grant funding process.

- **Broad-Based**

Projects which have a large target audience can best meet the mission of fostering a sense of community through enhancing the quality of life for the people of Upper St. Clair.

- **Long-Term Impact**

The purpose to which funds will be applied should be something which will have a lasting effect, whether it be something concrete or abstract, and is a human endeavor which would come under one of the five focus areas of *Education & Life-long Learning, Fine & Performing Arts, Recreation & Leisure, Science, and Technology*.

Please note:

- *The Community Foundation does not fund requests for salaries*
- *Project funds will be dispersed upon receipt of invoices*
- *All grant criteria must be met within six months of grant application, including all receipts.*