

Dayton Children's Community Benefit Grant Guidelines

At Dayton Children's, we are committed to living our mission of the relentless pursuit of optimal health for every child within our reach. Our community benefit contribution activities demonstrate this commitment to our community's children. We make these investments by supporting local organizations through grant funding. Based on our Community Health Needs Assessment, Dayton Children's identifies the region's most pressing child health and safety issues and creates an implementation plan in which we build our community benefit activities. We invite community organizations whose programming aligns with these issues and apply for our community benefit grants. Most funded programs fall into the community health improvement or community building activities categories.

Community Benefit Categories

Community Health Improvement Services - These activities are carried out to improve community health. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Community health education.
- Community-based clinical services, such as health services and screenings for underinsured and uninsured persons.
- Support groups.
- Health care support services, such as enrollment assistance in public programs and transportation efforts.
- Self-help programs, such as smoking cessation and weight loss programs

Community Building Activities - These activities improve the community's health and safety by addressing the root causes of health problems, such as poverty, homelessness, and environmental hazards. These activities strengthen the community's capacity to promote the health and well-being of its residents by offering the expertise and resources of the health care organization.

Eligibility Requirements

- An organization who did not receive a Dayton Children's community benefit grant award during the FY26 grant cycle (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026).
- Organizations are eligible to submit one grant application every other year.
- Applicant must be a 501(c)3 tax-exempt nonprofit recognized organization.
- An organization without 501(c)3 status can apply if it finds a 501(c)3 organization willing to sponsor its application by serving as a fiscal agent. A fiscal agent agreement must be established between the two parties before submission of a grant application. Organizations cannot serve as a fiscal agent to more than one applicant/grantee in a fiscal cycle, without pre-authorization from the Dayton Children's.
- Organizations serving as fiscal agents are ineligible to use grant money for any expenses including but not limited to administration cost, processing cost, or any other cost associated with being a fiscal agent.
- Applicant program must benefit the health of children and families in the Dayton Children's 20 county service area.

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- Applicant program must address one of the community's health priority areas, priority factors, and outcomes based on Dayton Children's 2023 Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Strategy.

Dayton Children's 2023 Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Implementation Plan can be found here: [community health needs assessment | Children's Dayton](#)

Application Process Funding decisions are made by the Community Benefits Subcommittee of the Board of Trustees of Dayton Children's Hospital (or designees). The size and number of contribution awards are directly related to the amount of money available each year and vary year to year. Awards are typically in the range of \$2,500 to \$15,000. The subcommittee reserves the right to make exceptions to the grant application process.

- To apply for funding, [click here](#) to access the application for Dayton Children's Community Benefit Contributions Grant.
- FY27 applications are due by July 1, 2026, by 11:59 pm.
- Award announcement will be provided in August 2026.
- The grant process is based on a fiscal year starting July 1 and ending June 30. Available grant funding may vary from year to year and may be distributed over multiple funding rounds.
- Organizations are eligible to only submit one grant request per fiscal year (July 1 - June 30).
- You will receive a letter informing you of the result of your application. Funds will be available to all successful candidates within 90 days of committee approval.

Grant Application: Grant applications will be required to respond to all the questions:

The FY27 grant application window (for funding from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) will open April 25th, with applications due by July 1 at 11:59 PM.

Grant Questions:

1. Organization Name
2. Organization Contact Name
3. Email
4. Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip)
5. Phone
6. Tax ID Number (EIN)
7. Is your organization a 501(c)3 nonprofit? (Yes/No)
8. Has your organization received a Dayton Children's Community Benefit Grant in the past fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)? (Yes/No)
9. Name of Project or Program
10. Is your program implemented in a geographic priority area or priority zip code? If so, please state the zip codes in which your program aligns
11. Program Timeline
12. Total Budget of Project or Program
13. Amount of Funding Requested

14. Would partial funding be accepted? (Yes/No)
15. Please provide a brief description of your proposed program (Limit: 300 words)
16. What data and evidence are there to suggest this project or program will address the recognized need? (Limit: 200 words)
17. What are the specific measurable outcomes or quantifiable benefits of the project or program (number of children served, increased school attendance, etc). Please include any historical successes if applicable (Limit: 200 words)
18. How does this program specifically align with one or more of the community health needs identified in the Dayton Children's Community Health Needs Assessment? (Limit 200 words)
19. Provide a brief overview of your organization, including history and capacity to execute this program (Limit: 300 words)
20. Does your organization have policies protecting children from abuse? (Yes/No)
21. Does your organization/program have any exclusionary policies (Yes/No – if yes, please explain)
22. Please send a letter of recommendation to LakesJ1@childrensdayton.org. Please put below the name and email address of the person sending this letter

Grantees Responsibility

As part of the funding terms, Dayton Children's requires the following commitment from grant recipients:

- A final report on the program must be submitted in a Microsoft Form established by Dayton Children's no later than 30 days following the end of the program or by July 30, 2027. If an organization's final report is past due and no attempt has been made by the organization to extend the final report deadline, the organization may be ineligible to receive any future financial support from Dayton Children's.
- This report should include
 - A description of the outcomes or actions implemented with awarded funds.
 - How the program addressed community health priorities identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment in addition to specific metrics highlighting specific improvements in community health.
 - What specifically your organization was able to accomplish with the Dayton Children's community benefit contributions funding that might not otherwise been able to do.
 - What, if any, unexpected outcomes were achieved as a result of the program
- Photographs, with captions, showing the program in action (per privacy and HIPAA/PHI compliance guidelines). Minors shown in photos must have a signed Dayton Children's media release, if applicable.
- Acknowledgement of Dayton Children's in public information about the program. Dayton Children's may promote your program and subsequent final report in its communications to generate awareness in our community (annual report, website, newsletter, social media, etc.).
- Involvement in a Dayton Children's annual partner survey, if requested.