Centre PACT Grant Guidelines (2027)

Centre PACT (Philanthropic Actions Created by Teens) is Centre Foundation's hands-on philanthropy program for high school students in Centre County. Throughout the program, students identify issues affecting their peers, solicit and review grant applications, and distribute grants to local nonprofits that will have a positive impact on youth in our community. Centre PACT students are responsible for developing grant recommendations for the annual distribution from the Foundation's Centre PACT Fund, a permanent endowment fund which supports this program, as well as conducting fundraising activities in support of their grants.

All types of youth-serving organizations are encouraged to apply but students are most interested in funding projects or programs that pertain to:

- **Education:** Literacy, Road Safety, Tech Ed, etc.
- **Basic Needs:** Food, Housing, Transportation, etc.
- **Environment:** Conservation, Climate Change, Parks, etc.
- **Belonging and Mental Health:** Mental Health, Belonging, Connections, etc.

Special emphasis will be placed on grant proposals that support transportation and access to these services, and/or promote a sense of belonging and community connectivity for youth in the county.

Eligibility

- This opportunity is open to 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organizations that are registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations unless otherwise exempt.
- Funding must be used to address issues that impact young people (Pre-K–12) in Centre County, Pennsylvania.
- Funding must be used to support programs/projects that comply with Centre Foundation's Nondiscrimination Policy.
- Recipient organizations are required to attend Centre PACT's year-end celebration in May 2027 and, in lieu of a grant report, must provide an update on the funded project at a Centre PACT meeting in Fall 2027.

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, November 24, 2026** – Centre PACT online grant application opens.
- **Thursday, January 7, 2027, at 11:59 pm** – Deadline to submit an application.
- **Before April 30, 2027** – Notification of grant awards.
- **Spring 2027** – Recipients attend Centre PACT's year-end celebration.
- **Fall 2027** – Recipients provide project update to Centre PACT.

Instructions

Due Date: Applications are due by 11:59 pm on **Thursday, January 7, 2027**. Applications must be submitted through Foundant, Centre Foundation's online application portal, Please do not email, fax, physically mail, or hand-deliver your proposal. Application questions can be found at the end of this document.

Applicants will be notified of grant decisions in April 2027 and grant awards will be issued in June.

Budget: The online application requires a detailed budget. Please specify how requested grant funds will be used. Be detailed (i.e., 25 calculators @ $10 each = $250.00).

The maximum grant amount you may request is $5,000. Grant award amounts typically range from $500 to $3,000, and the average amount awarded is $1,400.

Reporting: Organizations that receive Centre PACT funding are required to attend the end-of-year celebration in May 2027 to accept the grant award. Organizations are also required to provide a project update at a future Centre PACT meeting.

Foundant Grant Portal

Foundant is Centre Foundation's new grant management portal. This portal allows users to view, edit, and submit grant applications and related documents. If you already have an account, click the green button below, enter your email address and password, and click the blue "Log On" button.

If you do not already have an account, click the green button below and click the grey "Create New Account" button to register. For instructions on creating a new account, please view this Applicant Tutorial which includes a step-by-step guide and video demonstrations.

If you need any assistance or are unsure if you already have an account, please contact Krista Williams, Grants and Scholarship Coordinator, at krista@centrefoundation.org or call (814) 237-6229.

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