

Centre Foundation's 2024 Grant Information Session

Your Hosts

- Rachael Hartman, Community Impact Director
- Allison Wulforth, Communications & Events Coordinator

Agenda

- Grantee Eligibility
- Accessing the Grant Portal
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- Grant Opportunities for Individuals
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Centre Foundation

Community Foundation serving Centre County since 1981

Our mission: to inspire and facilitate a culture of giving and engagement that cultivates a vibrant, equitable, and inclusive community

Over \$4m invested in our community annually through programs, scholarships, and grants

Our Team



Grant Eligibility and Guidelines

Grantee Eligibility

- Must be classified as a 501(c)(3) **public charity** under the Internal Revenue Code (this does not apply to government agencies or public-school districts)
- Must file **IRS Form 990** (or 990-EZ or 990-N) annually
- Must register with the **PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations** (BCO-10)
- Must provide services directly to Centre County
- Funded programs must comply with Centre Foundation's [Nondiscrimination Policy](#)
- Must be in good standing with previous Centre Foundation grants

Grantee Eligibility

- Things we **do not** fund:
 - Lobbying or political activities
 - Sectarian religious activities
 - Reimbursement for expenses incurred before grant is awarded
 - Requests from individuals

Grant Portal

Accessing the Grant Portal

www.centre-foundation.org



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Log On Screen



Logon

Email Address*

Password*

LOG ON

CREATE NEW ACCOUNT

[FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?](#)



Welcome to Centre Foundation's online grant portal.

New Users: Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials. For guidance on creating your account and using this system, view [this tutorial](#).


Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password?" link to the left to reset your password.


Not Sure? If you think that you or someone at your organization has already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact Rachael Hartman at rachael@centre-foundation.org or (814) 237-6229 to receive your username.

Creating a New Account

Create New Account

If you already have an Account, click the 'Cancel Account Creation' button to go to the Logon page

 Using the browser's back button will delete your registration information.

 This registration process has multiple steps you must complete before you can apply.

Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Organization Information

Organization Name*

If applying for a Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program grant, please enter your **business name**.

If applying for a Program Stream or Entry to Program Stream grant from the PA Council on the Arts and you are using a fiscal sponsor, please register using your **fiscal sponsor's information**.

EIN / Tax ID (##-#####)*

Web Site

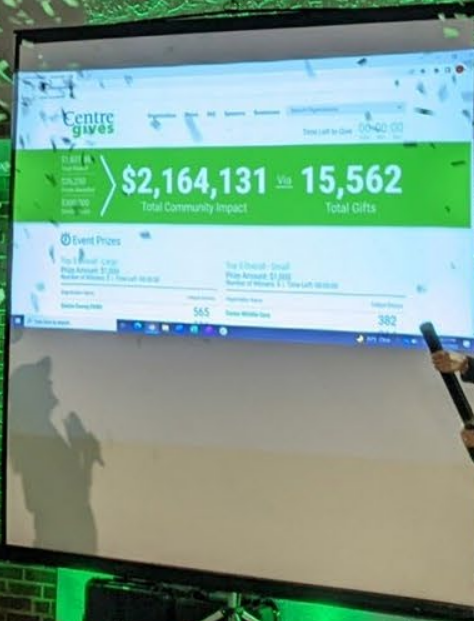
Telephone Number (###-###-####)*

Grant Portal Features

- Apply for grants, view grant history, and submit follow-ups
- Preview grant application questions
- Auto-Save
- Collaborate with colleagues
- **New!** Option to receive Foundation staff feedback – must submit application at least two weeks before final deadline

Grants & Community Impact Opportunities

Centre Gives



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NEW SERVICE
RECEPTION
NEW LOBBY
NEW VESTIBULE
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Centre Gives

- Centre County's 36-hour online giving event
- Last year, \$2.3 million was raised for 205 nonprofits
- From 8 am on **May 8** until 8 pm on **May 9**
- Verified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve Centre County
- Register at www.CentreGives.org from February 1 until March 15

Benefits of Centre Gives

- Raise **awareness** about your organization
- Engage existing donors and reach new ones
- Enhance every donation with **stretch pool** funds
- Build excitement with **prizes**
- Engage your staff, board and volunteers in meaningful ways
- Learn and deploy new strategies in marketing, fundraising & more
- Network with local nonprofit peers and share skills
- Plug into our **generous community**

Creative Sector
Flex Fund



Creative Sector Flex Fund (CSFF)

- Application opens **June 4** and closes **July 25**
- Deadline to receive feedback: July 11
- Program of the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts through the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts regional partnership
- Supports **arts organizations and programs** in Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, and Huntingdon counties
- Provides \$5,000 flexible grants for administrative, programmatic, or project-related expenses

CSFF Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, or a unit of local government (counties, cities, boroughs, townships, and municipal authorities); Unincorporated groups may apply through a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor
- Be registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Corporations, except for local governments and fiscal sponsors
- Have an average annual revenue between \$10,000 – \$200,000
- Have a history of at least two years of consistent arts programming



Giving Circle
Grants

Giving Circle

- Centre Foundation's membership-based grantmaking group
- Members pool their resources to award grants to Centre County nonprofits
- Since 2006, the Giving Circle has awarded over **\$240,000** in grants
- Interested in joining? Visit our website or contact Kerry Tolton, Development and Stewardship Director, Kerry@centre-foundation.org

Giving Circle Grants

- Application opens **July 9** and closes **August 22**
- Deadline to receive feedback: August 8
- Open to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for dynamic programs & projects serving Centre County
- Three finalists present live pitches to the Giving Circle membership
- Provides one \$10,000+ grant and two grants for runners-up
- Finalists must skip one year before reapplying

2023 Giving Circle Finalists

- Habitat for Humanity – *3D-Printed Concrete Home Build Project*
- Housing Transitions – *Shelter Family Bathroom Renovation*
- Youth Service Bureau – *Big Brother Big Sisters Program*

2022 Giving Circle Finalists

- Centre Volunteers in Medicine – *Breast Health Program*
- State College Food Bank – *No-Cost Produce Markets*
- Out of the Cold – *Permanent Shelter Renovations*

Field-of-Interest
Grants



Field-of-Interest (FOI) Endowment Funds

- Centre Foundation manages 17 field-of-interest funds
- Each FOI fund supports a particular cause or geographic area, spanning health and social services, education, youth development, animal welfare, the arts, and more
- **\$147,048** was awarded to 40 nonprofits in 2023

Health & Human Services

- Counseling Service, Inc. Fund for the Provision of Direct Behavioral/ Mental Health Counseling
- Ed and Charlene Friedman Family Fund for Housing, Food, and Health Services and Programs that Alleviate Poverty
- J. Alvin and Vera E. Knepper Hawbaker Memorial for Vital Health and Education Services
- William W. and Helen S. Litke Memorial Fund for Services and Programs for Individuals Who Have Hearing Loss

Children & Youth

- Centre Children's Fund for At-Risk or Underserved Children
- Centre County Medical Society Fund for Promoting Healthy Lifestyles in Children and/or Building Playground Equipment
- Louis E. and Patricia H. Silvi Fund for Early Childhood Education

Arts & Culture

- Janet Atwood Fund for Arts Programs of Any Type
- Patricia Farrell Music Fund
- Proud to Be An American Fund for Patriotic Displays and Observances

Animals

- Carolyn A. Petrus Memorial Seeing Eye Dog Fund
- Donna L. Litke Occupational Horse Therapy Fund
- Mattil Family Fund for Animal Welfare

Geographic Focus

- Philipsburg Area Fund
- Andrew and Madaline Rishel Family Fund Penns Valley Church Outreach Programs
- Ruth E. Rishel Charitable Fund for Penns Valley

General Purpose

- Ben Franklin Fund for Projects or Programs in Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon, and Mifflin counties

Field-of-Interest Grants

- Application opens **August 6** and closes **September 26**
- Deadline to receive feedback: September 12
- Open to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, government agencies, municipalities and public-school districts. Unincorporated groups may apply through a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor.
- Applicants may submit more than one application for separate programs or projects
- Some FOI funds overlap; applicants are encouraged to request funding from multiple (relevant) funds

Centre PACT Grants

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Centre PACT

- Centre Foundation's youth advisory council for Centre County high school students
- Participants discuss issues facing their peers, learn about potential solutions that nonprofits offer, fundraise, and fund local programs
- Since 2016, members of Centre PACT raised and granted over **\$45,000** to 24 local nonprofits
- Have a student in grades 9-12 who might be interested? Contact Kerry Tolton, Kerry@centre-foundation.org

Centre PACT Grants

- Application opens **December 3, 2024** and closes **January 16, 2025**
- Deadline to receive feedback: January 11
- Open to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for projects and programs that serve young people (Pre-K–12) in Centre County
- Grant awards typically range from \$500 – \$3,000
- Priorities shift annually but typically include mental health, school safety, and equitable educational opportunities

Grants & Scholarships for Individuals

Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program



Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program

- Rolling application deadline
- Partnership between the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, PPA Partners, and SBDCs serving creative entrepreneurs in Centre, Clinton, Clearfield, and Huntingdon counties
- Pairs creative entrepreneurs with access to free small business consulting services and \$2,000 grants to form or grow your creative small business

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age and a current resident of Pennsylvania for at least one year
- Be an entrepreneur **intending to form or currently operating a small creative business in Pennsylvania** in an eligible industry including Marketing, Architecture, Visual Arts & Crafts, Design, Film & Media, Digital Games, Music & Entertainment, or Publishing

Note: Creative entrepreneur's business must have gross revenue less than \$200,000

Application Process

- Applicant requests a **free consultation** with an approved Referral Coordinator
 - Clarion SBDC, Penn State SBDC, St. Francis SBDC, PA Wilds Center, or Startup Alleghenies
- Referral Coordinator reviews applicant's business plan and refers applicant to Centre Foundation
- Applicant submits an **online grant application** through Centre Foundation
- Centre Foundation reviews application for eligibility and issues grants awards

Scholarships



Scholarships

- Centre Foundation administers more than **150 scholarships and awards** for school districts across Centre County and beyond
- Over **\$390,000** awarded last year
- Opportunities for high school seniors, adult learners, first responders, and more
- Contact Krista Williams, Grants and Scholarship Administrator, Krista@centre-foundation.org or your high school's guidance office for more information

Other Ways to Partner with Centre Foundation

Endowment Funds

Endowment Funds

- Serving the organizations and individuals who are passionate about the future of Centre County
- Endowments provide consistent, long-term funding for your organization
- Centre Foundation handles administration of endowments, including investment oversight, donation processing, and donor acknowledgement, etc.
- Any 501(c)(3) public charity is eligible to open an endowment with Centre Foundation
- Contact Kerry Tolton, Development and Stewardship Director, Kerry@centre-foundation.org

Get in touch!

Centre Foundation

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