



2025 Field-of-Interest Grant Guidelines

The [Field-of-Interest](#) grant program is an annual grant opportunity made possible by Centre Foundation's Field-of-Interest funds. Each Field-of-Interest fund is designed to support a particular cause, population, or geographic area, reflecting the passions or interests of the donor(s) who created the fund.

This year, over \$180,000 in Field-of-Interest grant funding is available for programs and projects that focus on education, health and social services, the arts, youth development, and more.

Eligibility

- This opportunity is open to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and governmental units/agencies. Unincorporated groups may apply through a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that acts as a fiscal sponsor.
- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations must be registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations unless otherwise exempt.
- Funding must be used to support programs/projects in Centre County unless stated otherwise.
- Funding must be used to support programs/projects that comply with Centre Foundation's [Nondiscrimination Policy](#).
- If awarded, funding from this grant must be spent by recipient organizations by December 31, 2026.
- Recipient organizations are required to submit a final grant report at the conclusion of the program/project or by January 31, 2027.

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, August 5, 2025** – Field-of-Interest online grant application opens.
- **Thursday, September 25, 2025** – Deadline to submit an application.
- **November 2025** – Notification of grant awards.
- **December 2025** – Grant payments issued; grant period begins.

- **December 31, 2026** – Grant period ends.
- **January 31, 2027** – Final grant reports are due.

Instructions

Centre Foundation's 22 Field-of-Interest funds each support a specific purpose and geographic area.

On the application, you will be required to identify the specific funds for which you are applying. You may apply for any portion of the available grant amount listed for a particular fund. You may combine several funds together if multiple funds fit the scope of your proposal. Please choose only those funds which directly relate to your proposal, based on the fund's stated purpose and service area.

In 2024, grant awards ranged from \$500 to \$25,000. The average award was \$4,000.

Applications must be submitted through **Foundant**, Centre Foundation's online application portal, by 11:59 pm on **Thursday, September 25, 2025**.

For questions, information, or assistance, please contact Krista Williams, Grants and Scholarship Coordinator at krista@centrefoundation.org or call (814) 237-6229.

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.

Foundant requires all users to create an account in order to access grant information and submit applications. For instructions on creating a new account, please view this **[Applicant Tutorial](#)** which includes a step-by-step guide and video demonstrations.

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[Click Here to Access Foundant](#)

Fund Name	Amount Available	Purpose	Service Area
Andrew and Madaline Rishel Family Fund	\$936	community outreach programs provided by Penns Valley churches	Penns Valley area
Barry and Patti Fisher Fund	\$1,183	programs for children ages 11-17	Centre County
Ben Franklin Fund	\$2,479	programs and projects in Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon, & Mifflin counties	Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon, & Mifflin counties
Carolyn A. Petrus Memorial Seeing Eye Dog Fund	\$19,374	programs that raise, train, and match seeing-eye dogs to the people who need them	Pennsylvania
Centre Children's Fund	\$2,087	programs for at-risk children	Centre County
Centre County Medical Society Fund	\$1,340	encouraging active lifestyles for children and/or creating playground equipment or facilities	Centre County
Counseling Service, Inc. Fund	\$11,859	direct behavioral/mental health counseling	Centre County
Denny Gioia And Judy Albrecht Endowment Fund	\$3,800	direct services and programs in the areas of housing insecurity, food insecurity, and health	Centre County
Donna L. Litke Occupational Horse Therapy Endowment	\$5,233	the maintenance and upkeep of horses used for therapy	Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Huntingdon, Mifflin & Union counties
Ed and Charlene Friedman Family Fund	\$43,016	health and human service programs that reduce poverty through physical & mental health, food, shelter, clothing, and/or education, particularly in emergency situations	Centre County
Fur-Ever Support for Animals Fund	\$1,383	providing direct services in the area of animal welfare	Centre County
Howard Area Lighthouse Fund	\$4,564	programs and projects in Howard	Howard Area
J. Alvin and Vera E. Knepper Hawbaker Memorial Fund	\$4,648	health and/or education programs	Centre County
Janet Atwood Fund	\$2,689	arts programs of all types	Centre County
Louis E. and Patricia H. Silvi Fund	\$1,248	early childhood educational programs	Centre County
Mattil Family Fund	\$1,085	animal welfare	Centre County
Patricia Farrell Music Fund	\$10,294	music programs of all types, particularly programs for children	Centre County
Philipsburg Area Fund	\$2,179	programs and projects in Philipsburg	Philipsburg Area
Proud to Be An American Fund	\$1,753	patriotic displays and observances	Centre County
Ruth E. Rishel Charitable Fund	\$2,924	programs and projects in Penns Valley	Penns Valley area
Wayne Baumgardner Fund	\$10,010	programs that provide food to the residents of Pleasant Gap	Pleasant Gap Area
William W. and Helen S. Litke Memorial Fund	\$49,046	services and programs for individuals who have hearing loss	Centre County

Field-of-Interest Grants (2025)

Centre Foundation

Applicant Information

Before you begin, please review our [Nondiscrimination Policy](#) and the [2025 Field-of-Interest Grant Guidelines](#), which include eligibility information, important dates, and detailed descriptions of the 22 available Field-of-Interest funds.

Applicant Type*

Is your organization a **501(c)(3) Public Charity** or a **Governmental Unit/Agency**? Examples of governmental units/agencies include an agency of the Federal Government or a State or local government, local governmental unit, municipal corporation, or unit of a State university system.

Choices

Yes, 501(c)(3) Public Charity

Yes, Governmental Unit/Agency

Neither 501(c)(3) nor Unit of Government (Requires Fiscal Sponsor)

Fiscal Sponsorship: Additional Information

Unincorporated groups may use a fiscal sponsor that is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to apply for Field-of-Interest funding.

Please provide information about your fiscal sponsor below.

Fiscal Sponsor Name

Character Limit: 100

Fiscal Sponsor EIN/Tax ID (##-#####)

Character Limit: 12

Fiscal Sponsor Street Address

Character Limit: 100

Fiscal Sponsor City

Character Limit: 100

Fiscal Sponsor State

Character Limit: 2

Fiscal Sponsor Zip Code*Character Limit: 15***Fiscal Sponsor Website URL***Character Limit: 2000***Fiscal Sponsor Contact First Name***Character Limit: 100***Fiscal Sponsor Contact Last Name***Character Limit: 100***Fiscal Sponsor Contact Title***Character Limit: 100***Fiscal Sponsor Contact Email Address***Character Limit: 254***Fiscal Sponsor Contact Phone Number***Character Limit: 25***Fiscal Sponsor IRS Determination Letter**

Upload the fiscal sponsor's IRS Determination Letter confirming nonprofit 501(c)(3) status.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB***Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement**

Please upload a fully-executed and active Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement between the fiscal sponsor and the entity being sponsored. This must include:

- duties and responsibilities of each part,
- the term of the agreement,
- termination provisions,
- ownership of intellectual property,
- dispute and indemnification clauses,
- and the method of the holding and distribution of funds.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Request Narrative

Project Name*

Name of Project/Program

Character Limit: 100

Project Summary*

Please provide a brief summary (1-2 sentences) of your proposed project/program.

Character Limit: 350

Project Description*

Please describe the nature of your proposed project/program in detail, including:

- What problem or issue in the community will your project address? OR What opportunity do you see in the community that your organization is poised to respond to?
- What are the specific activities and timeline that will be supported if this grant is awarded?
- What are the geographic area(s) of Centre County and distinct audiences that will be served?
- What other organizations or entities, if any, will be collaborating on this project?

Character Limit: 3000

Project Success*

Please describe the goals for the success of the project/program in detail, including:

- What are the measurable goals that could be met with this funding support?
- How will success will be measured and documented?
- How will you conduct program evaluation (numbers served, surveys, interviews, or other methods)?

Character Limit: 3000

Community Input and Participation

Please describe how you have sought, or plan to seek, input from the people who will be served by this grant. Please include how members of the community are involved with the development and/or implementation of this project, if applicable.

Character Limit: 3000

Numbers Served*

What is the estimated number of individuals that will be served by this grant?

Character Limit: 5

Ages Served*

Which age group(s) will be served by this grant?

Choices

0-5
6-17
18-25
26-65
65+
Not applicable

Geographic Areas Served*

Which specific county or counties will this grant serve?

Choices

Centre
Blair
Clearfield
Clinton
Huntingdon
Mifflin
Union
Other

Other Geographic Areas Served

Other Geographic Areas Served*

If you selected "Other," please type the name the geographic area this grant will serve.

Character Limit: 250

Request Budget

You may apply for any portion of the available grant amount listed. You do not have to request the full amount. If multiple funds fit the scope of your proposal, you may combine several funds together. Please choose only the funds which relate directly to your proposal.

For more information about the available funding, please review the [2025 Field-of-Interest Grants table](#), which includes the purpose and service area for each fund.

For which Field-of-Interest fund(s) would you like to apply?*

Choices

Andrew and Madaline Rishel Family Fund (\$936)
Barry and Patti Fisher Fund (\$1,183)
Ben Franklin Fund (\$2,479)
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Requested Grant Amount*

Character Limit: 20

Total Estimated Cost of Program/Project*

Character Limit: 20

Project Income*

Please list all committed and anticipated sources of income related to this project/program. Include funding and/or in-kind contributions from individuals, corporations, governments and/or other foundations and estimated amounts below.

Character Limit: 3000

Project Expenses*

Please list all expenses related to this project/program, including a description of each item or service and the portion of grant funds being dedicated to that piece.

Character Limit: 3000

Optional: Upload Budget

You may upload a copy of your project/program budget, but you are not required to do so. [Click here to download a simple budget Excel template.](#)

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Additional Information

If the Requested Grant Amount is \$5,000 or higher, please answer the following questions.

Organizational Capacity*

Please describe how this project/program fits into your organizational structure and the capacity of your organization to implement this project/program.

Character Limit: 3000

Sustainability

If your organization plans to continue this project/program beyond the grant period, please describe your strategies for funding this project/program in the future.

Character Limit: 3000

Upload 990 or Operating Budget*

Please upload your organization's most recently filed Form 990. If your organization is **not** required to file a Form 990, please upload your organization's operating budget for the current or upcoming fiscal year.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Submission

Please review your application.

Upon submission of your application, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address you provided. If you have not received the confirmation email within a few minutes, please check your Spam or Junk folder.

Applicants will be notified of grant award decisions on or before November 21, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Williams Centre Foundation's Grants and Scholarship Coordinator, at krista@centrefoundation.org or call (814) 237-6229.

Application Review*

If you are submitting this application on or before September 11, 2025, you may request that Centre Foundation staff review your application for completeness.

Choices

Yes

No