

MASTER_Special Interest Application_r1225

Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

Organization Information

Do you have an up-to-date GivingMatters.com Profile?*

Choices

Yes

No

GivingMatters.com - YES

GivingMatters.com Profile URL*

Go to GivingMatters.com. In the top right corner, under Tools, use the "Nonprofit Directory" to search for your organization. Click your organization's profile card. Copy and paste the profile URL into the space below.

Character Limit: 2000

GivingMatters.com - NO

Is your organization an entity of government? (local/city, county, state, or federal?)*

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Yes

No

GivingMatters.com - Government - No

STOP! To be considered for funding, all applicants must have a current, complete profile on GivingMatters.com.

If your organization does not currently have a GivingMatters.com profile:

Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) public charity status that are based in Middle Tennessee can sign up here. Creating a profile may take time, so we recommend starting the process early.

If your organization already has a GivingMatters.com profile:

Please ensure that it is current and complete. Profiles must include up-to-date financials, permits, leadership, and programmatic information to be eligible for consideration. You can log

in to review and update your profile at any time.

For questions or support, email: givingmatters@cfmt.org.

Program Description

Grant Summary*

Provide a brief, one-sentence (20-word limit) description of your proposal. (Example: To provide job skills training for 20 teen boys and girls transitioning from foster care to independence).

Character Limit: 100

Amount Requested for This Grant:*

(up to maximum to \$15,000)

Character Limit: 20

What is the Budget for this request?*

Character Limit: 20

Program Start Date*

Program dates must be between July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Character Limit: 10

Program End Date*

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What category best describes THIS program?*

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Animal Care Education
Animal Protection and Welfare
General Animal Services
Spay/Neuter Services
Wildlife Preservation and Habitat Protection
Enhance the well-being of children and youth
Provide for the care and welfare of animals
Promote environmental and conservation efforts
Address the needs of youth and older adults
Preserve historic sites within Dickson County
Visual/Craft/Folk Arts
Arts Education
Art Therapy
Music/Music Education

Musical Theater/Opera/Symphony Orchestra
Performing Arts and Related Arts
Women's Health
Women's Safety
Women's Economic Stability
Girl's Growth and Opportunity

Program Narrative

Previous Special Interest Grant Funding*

Did your organization receive any Special Interest grant funding during the 2024 and/or 2025 Grant cycle(s)?

Choices

Yes

No

Narrative*

Provide a clear and thorough explanation of your proposal. The narrative should examine (a) the background of the need you are addressing and how you determined this need; (b) a plan for implementing the proposal; (c) the application of the solution; and (d) the result. TIP: Think who, what, when, where, why, how, how much and what will be accomplished as you craft the narrative for your proposal.

Character Limit: 2000

Community Profile*

Describe your target population and the main outreach strategies to engage them.

Character Limit: 2000

NO for Previous Special Interest Grant

Key Accomplishments*

Share key accomplishments from your organization's work over the past 6-12 months. How has your organization grown, adapted, or made an impact, and what challenges or opportunities have shaped your work?

Character Limit: 1750

YES for Previous Special Interest Grant

Serving the Community*

Share specific ways this grant funding influenced your organization's ability to serve your community over the past 6-12 months. What tangible outcomes resulted from this grant, and what did you learn from implementing the work?

Character Limit: 1750

Financial Projection

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Explain the costs associated with this proposal and how the funds, if awarded, will be used in the execution of the proposal. It is advantageous to include a summary of how lesser amounts, if granted, could be helpful. Be sure to include all sources of funding pending and/or committed.

SPECIAL NOTE: While in-kind items and/or volunteer hours have a cash value, list these items separately from the actual budget.

Character Limit: 2000

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

APPLICATION & GRANT TERMS OF AGREEMENT

ACCEPTANCE TERMS OF AGREEMENT

By submitting this application, you affirm that, if selected for funding, your organization agrees to the following conditions:

USE OF FUNDS

Grant funds must be used solely for the purposes outlined in this application. Any modifications must receive prior written approval from Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee (CFMT). Funds may not be used for lobbying, electioneering, or activities that violate any laws or regulations.

GRANT PAYMENT & COMPLIANCE

If selected, payment will be issued directly to your organization upon award approval. CFMT reserves the right to withhold or request the return of funds if they are misused, compliance is not met, or if other conditions necessitate it. The grantee certifies compliance with all applicable laws, including the US Patriot Act.

INTEGRATED FINAL REPORTING

Instead of submitting a separate final report, your organization's next **grant application will include a required section** for reporting on grant impact, outcomes, and financial expenditures. This ensures that funding history is **directly integrated into the review process** for future funding.

- If your organization **chooses not to apply for funding next year**, a brief final report may be required.
- CFMT may request additional updates as needed.

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

Grantee agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless CFMT, its officers, directors, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) directly, indirectly, wholly, or partially arising from or in connection with any act or omission of grantee, its employees, or agents, in applying for or accepting this grant, in expending or applying the grant funds or in carrying out any grant purpose(s) supported by this grant, except to the extent that such claims, liabilities, losses, and expenses arise solely from any act or omission of CFMT, its officers, directors, employees, or agents.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The grantee will not discriminate based on race, gender, religion, national origin, disability, or other protected statuses in programs funded by CFMT.

TRANSPARENCY & PUBLIC RECOGNITION

To provide the utmost transparency, Grantee understands that CFMT may use the data from grant reporting to create a compilation of all grantee reports in part and/or post an actual copy of the report(s) to CFMT's website(s) for view by the public. The information provided on your work and the outcomes measured will keep the public informed about the goals accomplished with the funds awarded from CFMT. Grantees are encouraged to acknowledge CFMT support in promotional materials using the **Grantee Press Toolkit** provided.

GRANT CANCELLATION & UNUSED FUNDS

If the grant purpose changes or is no longer feasible, the grantee must notify CFMT. Any unused funds over \$100 must be returned.

CERTIFICATION & AGREEMENT

By submitting this application, you certify that:

- Your organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity or entity of government and remains in good standing.
- You understand and accept these grant terms.
- You are authorized to submit this application on behalf of your organization.

AGREEMENT**

Choices

I AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS OF AGREEMENT

AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL**

Enter your First Name, Last Name and Title in the box below.

Character Limit: 250

DATE SUBMITTED*

Character Limit: 10