



2023 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, \$147,048 in Field-of-Interest grant funding is available for programs and projects that focus on education, health and social services, music, 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.
- 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, 2024.
- Recipient organizations are required to submit a final grant report at the conclusion of the program/project or by January 31, 2025.

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, September 5, 2023** – Field-of-Interest online grant application opens.
- **Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 11:59 pm** – Deadline to submit an application.
- **December 15, 2023** – Notification of grant awards.
- **Before December 29, 2023** – Grant payments issued. Grant period begins.
- **December 31, 2024** – Grant period ends.
- **January 31, 2025** – Final grant reports are due.

Instructions

Centre Foundation's 17 Field-of-Interest funds each support a specific purpose and geographic area. Please see the table on the following page for each fund's purpose, service area, and available grant amount.

On the application, you will be required to identify the 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.

Applications must be submitted through [Foundant](#), Centre Foundation's online application portal, by 11:59 pm on **Thursday, October 19, 2023**. Please do not email, fax, physically mail, or hand-deliver your proposal. Application questions can be found at the end of this document.

For questions, information, or assistance, please contact Rachael Hartman, Community Impact Director, at rachael@centre-foundation.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](#)

Centre Foundation's 2023 Field-of-Interest Grant Amounts

Fund Name	Amount Available	Purpose	Service Area
<u>Andrew and Madaline Rishel Family Fund</u>	\$770	community outreach programs provided by Penns Valley churches	Penns Valley area
<u>Ben Franklin Fund</u>	\$2,352	programs and projects in Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon, & Mifflin counties	Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon, & Mifflin counties
<u>Carolyn A. Petrus Memorial Seeing Eye Dog Fund</u>	\$18,444	programs that raise, train, and match seeing-eye dogs to the people who need them	Pennsylvania
<u>Centre Children's Fund</u>	\$1,959	programs for at-risk children	Centre County
<u>Centre County Medical Society Fund</u>	\$1,274	encouraging active lifestyles for children and/or creating playground equipment or facilities	Centre County
<u>Counseling Service, Inc. Fund</u>	\$11,303	direct behavioral/mental health counseling	Centre County
<u>Donna L. Litke Occupational Horse Therapy Endowment</u>	\$5,034	the maintenance and upkeep of horses used for therapy	Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Huntingdon, Mifflin & Union counties
<u>Ed and Charlene Friedman Family Fund</u>	\$43,568	health and human service programs that reduce poverty through physical & mental health, food, shelter, clothing, and/or education, particularly in emergency situations	Centre County
<u>J. Alvin and Vera E. Knepper Hawbaker Memorial Fund</u>	\$4,372	health and/or education programs	Centre County
<u>Janet Atwood Fund</u>	\$1,375	arts programs of all types	Centre County
<u>Louis E. and Patricia H. Silvi Fund</u>	\$1,190	early childhood educational programs	Centre County
<u>Mattil Family Fund</u>	\$1,040	animal welfare	Centre County
<u>Patricia Farrell Music Fund</u>	\$9,792	music programs of all types, particularly programs for children	Centre County
<u>Philipsburg Area Fund</u>	\$2,047	programs and projects in Philipsburg	Philipsburg area
<u>Proud to Be An American Fund</u>	\$1,662	patriotic displays and observances	Centre County
<u>Ruth E. Rishel Charitable Fund</u>	\$2,708	programs and projects in Penns Valley	Penns Valley area
<u>William W. and Helen S. Litke Memorial Fund</u>	\$38,158	services and programs for individuals who have hearing loss	Centre County

Field-of-Interest Grants (2023) Question List

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Before you begin, please review the 2023 Field-of-Interest Grant Guidelines, which include eligibility information, important dates, and detailed descriptions of the 17 available Field-of-Interest funds.

Applications are due by 11:59 pm on **Thursday, October 19**. If you need any assistance, please contact Rachael Hartman, Community Impact Director, at rachael@centre-foundation.org or call (814) 237-6229.

Eligibility Information*

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
- No

Fiscal Sponsorship*

For this application, is your organization acting as a fiscal sponsor on behalf of an unincorporated group?

Choices

- Yes
- No

Please Confirm Program Eligibility

Only **501(c)(3) Public Charities** and **Governmental Units/Agencies** are eligible to submit an application for Field-of-Interest funding.

If you represent an unincorporated group, a 501(c)(3) Public Charity may submit an application on your behalf as a fiscal sponsor.

If you have any questions regarding program eligibility or need additional information, please contact Rachael Hartman, Community Impact Director, at rachael@centre-foundation.org or call (814) 237-6229.

Fiscal Sponsorship: Additional Information

Please enter information for the unincorporated group that is being fiscally sponsored below, if applicable.

Fiscally Sponsored Group: Name

Character Limit: 100

Fiscally Sponsored Group: Street Address

Character Limit: 100

Fiscally Sponsored Group: City

Character Limit: 100

Fiscally Sponsored Group: State

Character Limit: 2

Fiscally Sponsored Group: Zip Code

Character Limit: 15

Fiscally Sponsored Group: Website URL

Character Limit: 2000

Fiscally Sponsored Group: Contact First Name

Character Limit: 100

Fiscally Sponsored Group: Contact Last Name

Character Limit: 100

Fiscally Sponsored Group: Contact Title

Character Limit: 100

Fiscally Sponsored Group: Contact Email Address

Character Limit: 254

Fiscally Sponsored Group: Contact Phone Number

Character Limit: 25

Request Narrative

Project Name*

Name of Program/Project

Character Limit: 100

Program/Project Summary*

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

Character Limit: 350

Purpose and Need*

Please describe your proposed program/project in detail. Identify what needs, problems, or challenges the program/project will address, how the program/project will address those identified needs, and the population that will be served (including geographic location, socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical ability, and language as applicable).

Character Limit: 3000

Goals and Outcomes*

Describe the goals and overall impact of the program/project. Identify anticipated outcomes and the approximate timeframe in which they will occur.

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 program/project during the grant period?

Character Limit: 5

Ages Served*

Which age group(s) will be served by this program/project?

Choices

- 0-5
- 6-17
- 18-25
- 26-65
- 65+
- N/A

Geographic Areas Served*

Which specific county or counties will this program/project serve?

Choices

- Centre
- Blair
- Clearfield
- Clinton
- Huntingdon
- Mifflin
- Union
- Other

Other Geographic Areas Served

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

Character Limit: 250

Request Budget

Field-of-Interest Fund Selection*

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 directly relate to your proposal.

For more information about the available funding, please review the [2023 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 (\$770 Available)
- Ben Franklin Fund (\$2,352 Available)
- Carolyn A. Petrus Memorial Seeing Eye Dog Fund (\$18,444 Available)
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Requested Grant Amount*

Character Limit: 20

Total Estimated Cost of Program/Project*

Character Limit: 20

Program/Project Budget*

Please share how you would use this grant funding. Include a line-item budget with specific categories, descriptions, and estimated amounts below.

Character Limit: 5000

Optional: Upload Budget

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

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Other Funding Sources

Please describe any other potential and actual sources of support for this program/project, including funding and/or in-kind contributions from individuals, corporations, governments and/or other foundations.

Character Limit: 3000

Additional Information

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

Organizational Capacity*

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

Character Limit: 3000

Sustainability

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