



2024 Passion Grants Information Sheet

Grants range from \$7,500 - \$32,100

Grant Description

Passion Grants convert our donors' interests into impact by supporting a broad range of focus areas including: human services, the environment, restoring historical structures, clean water, human rights/inclusion, the arts, preschool child development, and projects in Eastern Lancaster County.

To view past project examples, go to: <https://www.lancfound.org/more-than-300000-awarded-throughout-lancaster-county/>

Zoom Office Hours

Have questions? Feel free to drop in for Zoom office hours with our Programs Team. The Zoom link and dates are listed below.

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94537957170>

March 20, 10:00 – 11:00 am

April 18, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Eligibility Summary

- Serve Lancaster County* residents without discrimination.
- Current 501(c)(3)** designation from the IRS.

- Registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations unless otherwise exempt per the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act.
- Complete IRS Form 990 annually.
- Annual audit or a financial review by an independent CPA is within the last 12 months.
- In good standing with all existing awards and contracts with the Lancaster County Community Foundation.
- Provide organizational Non-Discrimination Policy meeting all federal requirements as it applies to your type of organization ([FAQs](#)).
- Be aware of the Community Foundation's [Anti-Hate policy](#).

*The John J. Snyder Fund also serves Cumberland County, building must be owned by the CBO

**The Clean Water Fund also grants to municipalities

Please note the Community Foundation will not typically fund:

- Creation of a new organization
- Schools
- Capital campaigns/capital costs (equipment, building costs, maintenance)
- Political campaigns
- Expenses incurred before the grant is awarded
- Cemetery associations
- Religious causes that further a specific belief/agenda

Visit our website for resources on eligibility criteria: <https://www.lancfound.org/eligibility-requirements/>

Application Steps

1. Complete Letter of Intent (LOI) Form in the grant portal at [Lancfound.org/grants](https://www.lancfound.org/grants). This form asks for basic organizational information and a brief description of your project concept.
2. After LOI is approved, we will provide full access to the grant application through the same portal.
3. Complete your full application by the final deadline.
4. Draft applications are eligible for staff review and feedback before final submission.

Timeline/Due Dates

- Grant portal opens: 3/12/2024
- Draft applications due for staff feedback (optional): 4/19/2024 at 11:59 pm

- LOI due: 5/10/2024 at 11:59 pm
- Final applications due: 5/17/2024 at 11:59pm at 11:59 pm
- Award notifications: 7/19/2024
- Grant funding period: 7/19/2024, to 7/19/2025
- Completion Report due: 9/30/2025

Application questions

- **Vision –**
 - Q1: What is your vision for how this project will change the community? (1,500 characters)
- **Equity & Inclusion –**
 - Q1: Describe your organizational or project-level intentions to create practices of JEDI (justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion) to advance opportunities and minimize harm to individuals and/or communities. If applicable, how does this project address issues identified in Lancaster's Equity Profile? (1,500 characters)
- **Implementation Plan –**
 - Q1: Outline the expected timeline of your project, including anticipated milestones. (1,000 characters)
 - Q2: Outline how grant funds will be used. (1,000 characters)
- **Collaboration –**
 - Q1: How is your project supporting collaboration in our community? (Mention potential project partners) (1,500 characters)
- **Goals & Achievements –**
 - Q1: What are your project goals? (1,000 characters)
 - Q2: How will you evaluate your achievements? (1,000 characters)

Evaluation Criteria (questions grant reviewers will use to evaluate & score)

- **Vision –** To what extent does the response demonstrate a vision for change in our community?
- **Equity & Inclusion –** To what extent does the response demonstrate intentional practices of JEDI (JEDI: Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion), to advance

opportunities, and minimize harm to individuals and communities, at the organizational or project level?

- **Implementation Plan** – To what extent does the response outline an effective plan for project implementation?
- **Collaboration** - To what extent does the response include collaboration with community partners and initiatives?
- **Goals & Achievements** - To what extent does the response outline and evaluate attainable and impactful goals?

Passion Grant Descriptions

- **Ada F. Harr Fund**
\$10,000 - \$32,100
For home health or custodial care for people impacted by illness or disability.
- **Anne C. & W. Franklin Ressler Fund**
\$10,000 - \$28,800
For community projects based in Eastern Lancaster County. Specifically Eastern Lancaster County (ELANCO), Pequea Valley, and Conestoga Valley School Districts.
- **Patrick Kenney, Jr. Memorial Education Fund & K.L. Shirk Memorial Fund**
\$7,500 - \$15,000
Supports programs that fight hate and bigotry while promoting social justice.
- **Better Lancaster Fund**
\$10,000 - \$25,100
Supports early childhood development from birth to age five.

NEW in 2024

We have streamlined grantmaking through the Shaping Tomorrow Awards. Please consider the following changes as your organization creates its grant application strategy:

- Dollars from the **Lancaster Environmental Fund, the Sam & Verda Taylor Fund (Performing Arts), and Florence Starr Taylor, Lancaster Arts & Culture, and Eloise Aurand Funds (Visual Arts)** will supplement the Shaping Tomorrow Awards, meaning we will be awarding MORE than \$1,000,000 through this program! Applicants who normally seek funding through these Passion Grants are encouraged to **submit their applications**

through the **Shaping Tomorrow Awards process**. The Our Planet category opens June 3 ([learn more and apply here](#)).

- Dollars from the **Katherine K. Gaeth Fund**, which focuses on housing, will now supplement grants offered by the Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition, through its Homelessness Services Grants that will distribute a total of \$1,590,000 throughout the county. Applications open annually in January and information will be [available here](#).

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