



# 2019 Grants

## CBO-Individual Action Grants

### Information Sheet

Many community benefit organizations (CBOs) work each day alongside residents of Lancaster County—they have real insight on community issues and trends. Throughout the county, grassroots responses to community needs have also developed—individuals and small groups are working to improve their communities. We want to enhance our county's sense of community by linking the experience of CBOs and residents' creative efforts around ideas that promote equitable and inclusive opportunities.

**PROGRAM PURPOSE:** This grant program is focused on catalytic projects that engage individuals partnering with community benefit organizations to promote equitable and inclusive opportunities in our communities. Grants will support projects with creative, targeted ideas for enhancing community in Lancaster County.

The Community Foundation is not looking to solve a particular problem with this grant program; rather, our goal is to support an organic community-driven process that emboldens residents to brainstorm, share ideas, and act with CBOs to generate their own unique solutions to their own unique challenges. Funded projects should share the following characteristics:

- 1) **Seed funding:** At \$2,000, these grants are smaller than most of our grants, but we are confident that small grant investments can produce big results when the right people are working together.
- 2) **Early support:** We aim to provide a financial spark for ideas when they are still in a formative stage.
- 3) **Innovation:** We are looking for creative and unexpected ideas and projects that are not yet established enough to be considered for other grant programs.
- 4) **Inclusion and Equity:** We seek grassroots solutions driven by people who may have previously not had access to decision-making authority based on things such as race, gender, income/educational attainment, sexual orientation, etc.

#### **FUNDS AVAILABLE**

**Five grants of up to \$2,000 available**

**Application online at [lancfound.org/grants](http://lancfound.org/grants)**

**Apply by  
July 17, 2019**

## APPLICATION PROCESS

**Learn more at the CBO  
Individual Action Grants  
meeting**

**March 29 3:00 – 4:00 pm  
at The Lancaster County  
Community Foundation**

**Register at  
<https://goo.gl/j5ugcX>**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applications must come from current 501(c)(3) community benefit organizations that are registered with or exempt from the PA Bureau of Charitable Organizations and complete a Form 990 annually. Our website [www.LancFound.org/grants](http://www.LancFound.org/grants) has further eligibility details.

**APPLICATION:** Available at [www.LancFound.org/grants](http://www.LancFound.org/grants)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** July 17, 2019 at 11:59 pm

**AWARD NOTIFICATION:** By phone or email, August 22, 2019

### INFO MEETING TO LEARN MORE:

March 29 at 3:00 PM, at the Community Foundation. [Register here.](#)

### GRANT SNAPSHOT:

\$10,000 total (five grants of up to \$2,000 each).

Program officers will check in with grant partners to hear how the project is proceeding.