

Affordable Housing

Greater Cincinnati Foundation believes all residents deserve safe, quality, affordable housing in vibrant and thriving neighborhoods. This funding opportunity is intended to help projects that have the explicit goal of creating (and/or preserving) quality affordable housing units as well initiatives that advance fair housing, increase opportunities for Black homeownership, and revitalize distressed neighborhoods.

Eligibility

Funding will be awarded to 501(c)(3)s or others with a fiscal agent.

Funding will be awarded to organizations (or programs) that serve in one of our eight counties in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana: Butler, Clermont, Hamilton or Warren in Ohio; Boone, Campbell or Kenton in Kentucky; and Dearborn County in Indiana.

Priority will be given to applications that seek to remedy racial disparities in access to quality, affordable housing and thriving, healthy neighborhoods.

We also prioritize projects that have both public and private stakeholder involvement, broad community support, and take an asset-based approach to programs/initiatives.

What We Fund

This funding opportunity was influenced by the voices of many stakeholders who helped shape our Community Leadership Framework, which pushes us to get closer to those most affected by issues and to invest in community-driven solutions.

- Preservation and/or creation of affordable housing units
- Homeownership assistance for low-to moderate income residents, Black and indigenous people and people of color
- Innovative approaches to eviction prevention and advocacy for tenants' rights
- Advocacy efforts that support policy changes in affordable housing, zoning, deed restrictions, or barriers to financing

- On-the-ground solutions to revitalize distressed neighborhoods, low-income communities, and communities of color
- Resident-led neighborhood planning and improvement projects
- Preserving stories, spaces, and places of historical and cultural importance for distressed, low-income communities, and communities of color

How to Apply

GCF staff work closely with a diverse group of community partners to initiate and support projects that advance our priorities and goals listed above. If you think your project or organization might be a fit for our Economic Mobility program, we encourage you to submit your idea through our [online inquiry form](#).

Following the submission of this form, a foundation staff member will contact you within 30 days to provide instructions on next steps. If you do not receive a response within 30 days, please contact werisetgether@gcfdn.org

Funding Decisions and Terms of Grant

Applications are accepted year-round (or on a rolling basis), by invitation only. Depending on the grant or project, we may ask to schedule a phone call, meeting, or site visit as part of the review process. Funding decisions will be made within 90 days of grant submission. Grantees will be required to submit a final report 60 days after the conclusion of the grant period.

Further Assistance

Clarifications on the guidelines can be directed to Adison Nelson, Director of Community Strategies at adison.nelson@gcfdn.org or (513) 768-6108.

If you have technical questions about the application process or the status of your inquiry or request, please contact Hannah Hilditch, Community Strategies Coordinator at hannah.hilditch@gcfdn.org