

Grant Application Guidelines

Grant Summary	
Grant description	The Greater Milwaukee Foundation is requesting proposals for community based programs that support summer youth and young adult employment programs. The jobs will help youth gain early work experience, improve their jobs skills and future employability. The grant will build capacity of local nonprofits with summer employment programs for low- income individuals with barriers to employment.
Grant amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$10,000 per grantee for supervisors for summer youth employment (up to <u>10 existing programs funded</u>) Up to \$10,000 per grantee for neighborhood-based employment (up to <u>10 new programs funded</u>) <p>One application may be submitted per eligible nonprofit.</p>
Eligibility	<p>Nonprofits with existing summer youth employment programs that support targeted employment strategies for low- income individuals with barriers to employment. Nonprofits with neighborhood based employment for youth.</p> <p>Organizations must be considered charitable organizations as determined by the IRS internal revenue code 501(c)(3). <i>Please note</i> that organizations that do not have this designation may use a fiscal sponsor (organization recognized as a 501(c)(3) charitable entity) to serve as the recipient and manager of the grant. Eligible nonprofits are required to have board membership that is at least 10 percent people of color. The term “people of color” refers to all persons who are not categorized as white by the U.S. Census.</p>
Target audience to be served	Low income youth (ages 14-17) and young adults (ages 18-24); youth in and aging out of the foster care system; young people of color.
Application deadline	4pm Central on Monday, June 5, 2015
Funding notification	June 15, 2015
Grant period	June 15, 2015 to August 31, 2015 (period will vary depending on project)
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LIFT Greater MKE Neighborhoods Initiative: Summer Jobs Matter Grant

Understanding the Problem

According to a recent JP Morgan Chase & Co report many urban cities across the nation have experienced a decreased in federal and state funding and resources. As a result summer youth employment programs have experienced a 40 percent decline over the past 12 years. Employment challenges as such disproportionately impacts low-income youth and young people of color.

Supporting the Solution

Despite the funding cuts at the state and federal level, key Milwaukee is a city that recognizes the importance of providing young people with work readiness skills and early job experiences that prepare them for future employment opportunities and increase the earnings for the summer.

The Greater Milwaukee Foundation understands income and assets are key tools toward achieving economic stability and success. The Foundation support strategies that ensure greater access to employment opportunities. In 2015, the Foundation and Wells Fargo Bank partnered to create Lift Greater MKE Neighborhoods Initiative, resources dedicated to support strategies that improve Milwaukee neighborhoods through employment and housing for low to moderate income families. The Foundation administers the funds to local nonprofits that provide the aforementioned program activities.

Lift Greater MKE Neighborhoods Initiative: Summer Jobs Matter grant is a competitive grant opportunity available to qualified nonprofits with existing infrastructure and a proven track record of providing summer employment and neighborhood-based jobs for low income youth and young people of color.

We welcome proposals that align with the Initiative funding priorities:

- **Youth employment:** The Foundation will accept applications that support hiring of supervisors to oversee youth employed through the Mayor's Earn & Learn Program at nonprofits. Applicants must have received an approval letter from Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board. This documentation must accompany the application for consideration.

- **Neighborhood-based employment:** The Foundation will accept applications from nonprofits and faith based agencies with new summer youth employment program that employ young people from the neighborhoods. Organization must demonstrate a proven track record of success and is looking to expand capacity.

Program Requirements

Nonprofits will be considered for funding only if they meet the following criteria:

- Grant dollars must be used to hire supervisors to oversee youth employed through Mayor's Earn & Learn ; or hire young people from the neighborhood to created neighborhood-based employment opportunities
- Qualified nonprofits must show documentation provided by MAWIB proving the number of youth placed at organization. Official MAWIB notification of placements will suffice (for supervisor support)
- The number of requested supervisors must align reasonably with the number of youth employees hired through MAWIB
- The agency must demonstrate a track record for providing quality programming for young people
- Agencies must track and report the following; the number of positions created, during the grant period, report term of employment and rate of pay, number retained, number terminated. A final report template will be provided for the agency to complete at the end of the grant cycle

Informational Session

We encourage applicants to attend our informational session on May 29, 2015, at 9 a.m. at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, located 101 W. Pleasant, Ste 210 53212. This session will provide an overview of the LIFT Greater MKE Neighborhoods Initiative: Jobs Matter grant opportunity.

Submission Information

A complete application must be submitted by 4pm on June 5, 2015. Late or incomplete will not be considered.

Grant Application Timeline

May 22, 2015	Application Period begins
May 29, 2015	Informational: Greater Milwaukee Foundation
June 5, 2015	Applications due to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation
June 15, 2015	Applicants notified of final funding decision