



CONNECTIONS FUND GRANT GUIDELINES

What is The Connections Fund?

The Connections Fund was established in 2004 with a mission to foster and retain leaders and professionals in Richland County and to promote a philanthropic identity and involvement in the community. The grant focus has historically been for nonprofit organizations to provide safe, fun-filled activities for Richland County children. Grant amounts range from \$300 - \$2,500. Grant dollars are used for direct programming. Regular staffing, operational costs or occupancy costs are not covered by this grant.

Who is eligible?

Any 501c3 public charity or government entity and some churches offering programming which supports youth are eligible to apply. If you are unsure of your status, contact the Foundation to inquire.

Who is NOT eligible?

Individual classroom teachers offering programs to their classroom or grade level as well as nonprofits offering programs solely during the summer months are not eligible to apply.

Will I receive some advice?

Grant Writing Workshops are offered four times a year at the Main Library and Foundation office. Please check rcfoundation.org for details.

What is the application process?

- Electronic applications are available on rcfoundation.org
- Proposals must be received in the Foundation office by the first Friday in November at 5:00 p.m.
- The original application plus 15 double-sided copies are required.
- No attachments will be accepted. If you require further explanation other than what the application can provide, contact the Foundation for instructions.
- Your organization will be contacted to schedule a site visit in the weeks following the grant application deadline. It is best a program director and CEO are both available for the site visit.

When will I be notified if my organization has been chosen for funding?

Grant funding will be announced in January at the Connections Gala.

What if I have questions?

If you have any questions please contact Allie Watson at 419-525-3020 or awatson@rcfoundation.org.

Connections Fund Grant Deadline
First Friday in November before 5:00pm
Submit applications by mail or in-person to 181 South Main Street Mansfield