2024 Spring Grant

Otto Schoitz Foundation

Overview

Thank you for your interest in applying for funding from Otto Schoitz Foundation. As you know, Otto Schoitz Foundation desires to improve the health and wellbeing of the Cedar Valley. Your request should demonstrate how funds would help achieve this goal. The first step in the application process is to complete and submit the Letter of Inquiry (LOI), which is the form that follows below, no later than **January 7, 2024**.

Collaborator Feature: The Collaborator feature allows applicants to work together on a single request. Once you have started a request you will see the Collaborate button at the top of the page. This can be used to invite other people to work on this request.

Project Name*

Please identify a name/title for your request. (The term "project" is used herein to describe the subject matter of the application).

Character Limit: 100

Guiding Principles*

Please indicate if you have read and understand Otto Schoitz Foundation's Guiding Principles and Approach. The Guiding Principles and Approach will give you deeper insight into the type of projects the Foundation is interested in funding. Otto Schoitz Foundation favors projects generating significant benefit or addressing serious need in the Cedar Valley community and that:

- improve residents' quality of life
- better the Cedar Valley community
- meet the needs of the vulnerable
- create equitable opportunities, particularly as it relates to racial/ethnic equity
- address root or primary causes
- show evidence of success and impact
- impact Waterloo, because of the greater needs
- share funding with others

Choices

Yes
No

Organizational Information

Q1 - Mission Statement/Organizational Purpose*

Enter your Mission Statement or describe your organization's purpose. For your convenience, your Mission Statement can be copied directly from a Candid profile.

Character Limit: 1500

Q2 - Organizational Structure*

Please identify your organizational structure.

Choices

501c3 as designated by the IRS
Governmental entity, such as municipality (or department thereof) or school district

Assurance of No Competition - Background

Otto Schoitz Foundation was established in 2016 with an investment resulting from the transfer of hospitals/health facilities from Wheaton Franciscan Sisters to MercyOne (formerly known as Mercy Health Network.) As part of the transfer, MercyOne committed to continue operating the hospitals/health facilities in substantially the same manner as before the transfer. Correspondingly, the Foundation's predecessors agreed to avoid using the investment in a manner that competed with MercyOne. As a result, the Foundation is particularly attentive to, and cautious of, grant applications that are affiliated with organizations that may compete with MercyOne, **including (but not limited to) all UnityPoint entities & affiliates.** The Foundation is not opposed to the mission or people of these organizations in any way; rather, the Foundation is focused on remaining faithful to the legal requirements & the spirit of the transfer agreement.

Q3 - Competitive Organization*

This restriction on competition applies to the grant funds absolutely. The restriction on competition applies to fiscal agents and fiscal sponsors and their associates even if, for example, the fiscal agent or sponsor does not necessarily directly compete against MercyOne, or its affiliates. Grants will not be awarded for projects determined by Otto Schoitz Foundation, in its sole discretion, to compete, or to appear to compete, with MercyOne, or its affiliates.
Are you an organization or affiliated with an organization that competes with MercyOne or its affiliates OR does the proposed project invoke competition with these entities in any way? If so, answer Yes and do not complete this application.

Choices

Yes
No

Project Information

Q5 - Project Description*

Thoroughly describe the Project.

Character Limit: 2000

Q6 - Summarize Project Description*

Provide a concise summary of Project Description response.

Character Limit: 250

Q7 - Type of Request*

To assist in making the choice for type of request, we use the following as general definitions for each category

- *Capacity building* – funds for initiatives that improve the grant-seeker's effectiveness, in terms of organizational and financial stability, program quality, and growth – such as professional development for the grant-seeker's staff/board members or opportunities for peer learning, networking or leadership development.

- *Capital* – funds to acquire long-term assets such as land, building and/or major equipment; major renovations and/or construction projects.

- *Operating* – funds to support the organization's overall activities and mission, including administrative expenses and overhead.

- *Programmatic* – funds for specific project or activity tied to project-based outcomes; typically involves services that directly touch the grant-seeker's clients.

Choices
Capacity Building
Capital
Operating Support
Programmatic Support

Project Budget

Q10 - Project Budget*

Please indicate the proposed Project budget

Character Limit: 20

Q11 - OSF Requested funds*

Please indicate the total dollar amount you are requesting from Otto Schoitz Foundation

Character Limit: 20

Electronic Signature

Please note: by entering your information and selecting "I agree", you are:

1. Certifying, to the best of your knowledge, all information included in this Letter of Inquiry is complete and accurate;
2. And agreeing that your insertion of information in the following fields constitutes an electronic signature.

Confirmation*

Choices

I agree

Name and Title of Individual Submitting LOI*

Character Limit: 100

Once complete, you must submit the LOI; you will receive an automated email stating the LOI has been successfully submitted.

IMPORTANT: The Otto Schoitz Foundation utilizes the online grants management system to generate email communication from the email address administrator@grantinterface.com. As this communication is important to your application, please ensure this address is not blocked or filtered by your email service. Further, do not send correspondence to this email address - it is not established to receive incoming messages.

Stay connected: Sign up here for our newsletter and receive reminders of key application dates directly to your email.