

2021 Spring Grant

Otto Schoitz Foundation

Overview

Thank you for your interest in applying for funding from the Otto Schoitz Foundation. As you know, the 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 11, 2021**.

New Feature: Collaborator

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.

- From the Collaborate pop up, enter the email address of the person you would like to invite,
- Set the Permission you would like the collaborator to have, either View, Edit, or Submit.
- And lastly, include a message and select Invite.

For a quick video tutorial, [click here](#).

Project Title*

Please identify a name 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 the 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. Preference is towards:

- projects changing individuals and communities
- meeting the needs of the vulnerable
- addressing root or primary causes
- ideas with evidence of success and impact
- impacting Waterloo, because of the greater needs
- demonstrating a shared funding approach

Choices

Yes

No

Organizational Information

Q1 - Organizational Purpose*

Describe the purpose of your organization.

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

The 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 the 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

Q4 - Community Need Being Addressed*

Please describe the community need/issue being addressed by the proposed Project, including any supporting data you may have.

Character Limit: 1500

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

Q8 - Project goals and/or expected outcomes*

Please describe the Project's top goals and/or expected outcomes. What results do you expect to achieve?

Include a description of how the goals and/or outcomes will be measured on a go-forward basis.

And, if this Project is pre-existing, explain how you have historically performed against expected goals/outcomes.

Character Limit: 2000

Q9 - Targeted population*

Describe the targeted population this Project is intended to impact.

Character Limit: 750

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 the 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.