



Greater Kansas City Community Foundation Board Discretionary Fund Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation Board Discretionary Fund?

The Community Foundation's Board Discretionary Fund brings together assets donors have entrusted to us for the purpose of addressing critical community needs. The annual grantmaking is approximately \$2 million.

2. What is the funding priority for 2026?

In 2026, the Community Foundation's Board Discretionary Fund will prioritize nonprofit organizations whose work helps individuals and families remain stably housed and prevent displacement in communities disproportionately impacted by housing instability and disinvestment across the Kansas City metropolitan area.

3. What types of organizations are eligible to apply to this grant opportunity?

Eligible organizations must be 501(c)(3) public charities that address housing stability by:

- Preventing housing loss and stabilizing households in crisis
- Supporting pathways to quality attainable housing
- Providing housing security and workforce preparation

4. Are there priority populations?

Yes. Priority is given to organizations that serve communities disproportionately impacted by housing instability, structural racism, and disinvestment.

5. Can a religious organization apply?

Yes, if you are serving people beyond their faith or congregation.

6. When does the application open and close?

- Application Opens: Monday, June 15, 2026
- Application Deadline: Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 5 p.m. Central

7. When will funding decisions be announced?

Funding decisions will be announced by December 2026.



8. How much funding is available?

Grant amounts vary based on the organization's scope, scale, alignment with priorities, and operating budget. There is no fixed grant range. Typically, grants start at \$20,000.

9. Can I receive feedback on my proposal before submitting?

To ensure fairness and consistency, Community Foundation staff and board members are unable to provide guidance to organizations on application strategy or proposal development. *All applications are reviewed solely based on the information submitted.*

10. Are there reporting requirements?

Yes. Grantees will be asked to complete a brief update describing how the funds were used.

11. How does this funding align with broader community goals?

Board discretionary grantmaking is aligned with the priorities outlined in [Restoring America's Promise – a Roadmap for the Kansas City Metropolitan Area](#). This work addresses disparities in:

- Housing stability and wealth accumulation
- Income and employment opportunities
- Educational attainment
- Community safety

12. Where can I apply?

Applications are submitted through the Community Foundation's online application system: <https://grantsgrowyourgiving.us-1.smartsimple.com/>

If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please get in touch with the Grantmaking Services team at grants@growyourgiving.org or 816.627.3452.

13. Where can I learn more about past grants from board discretionary funds?

Please see the links below for information about 2024 and 2025 grants.

- **2024:** <https://www.growyourgiving.org/news/highlighting-2024-board-of-directors-discretionary-fund-grants/>
- **2025:** <https://www.growyourgiving.org/news/highlighting-2025-board-of-directors-discretionary-fund-grants/>



14. What can I expect after I apply?

We approach this grantmaking process as an opportunity to learn alongside organizations.

After an initial review of applications, a group of organizations whose work aligns closely with these priorities may be invited to participate in a site visit or follow-up conversation. These conversations are designed to provide additional context about your work, relationships, and impact beyond what is captured in the application.

Not all applicants will be selected for this step, and participation does not guarantee funding.

15. Who can I contact if I have questions?

For general questions related to the grant application portal, please contact:

- Email: grants@growyourgiving.org
- Phone: 816.627.3452