

CITY OF GOODYEAR

POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

Subject: Community Funding Policy for Grant Awards to Nonprofit Organizations

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1. Purpose

The City of Goodyear provides Community Funding grants intended to support initiatives that align with the City Council's priorities and serve the public interest. The purpose of this policy is to establish a transparent, fair, and accountable framework for grant awards to nonprofit organizations while ensuring the effective and equitable distribution of available public resources.

2. Eligibility

To qualify for grant funding, nonprofit organizations must:

- Be a registered 501(c)(3) or equivalent nonprofit entity,
- Demonstrate a direct benefit to the Goodyear community and alignment with City Council priorities,
- Provide services without discrimination and in compliance with local, state, and federal laws, and
- Submit a complete and timely grant application, including all requested documents.

Political organizations, labor organizations, business leagues, private foundations, and individuals are not eligible.

If duplicate services are being proposed, Council may elect to only fund one agency.

3. Criteria

- **Community Benefits** – Clear demonstration of the benefits the project will provide to the community.
- **Community Needs** – Identification and alignment with the specific needs of the community being served.
- **Service Uniqueness** – Assurance that the project avoids duplicating existing services in the community.
- **Service Delivery in Goodyear** – The organization provides services within Goodyear or utilizes tele-services/mobile-service models to serve Goodyear residents.
- **Documentation of Community Impact** – Established methods for tracking and documenting the number of Goodyear residents or household served and benefits provided to the community.
- **Clarity of Goals and Objectives** – Well-defined, measurable outcomes with a clear plan for implementation.

- **Organizational Longevity and Reputation** – Proven history and positive reputation of the organization in the community.
- **Past Impact** – Documented evidence of the organization’s past contributions and positive impact on the community.
- **Follow-up on Previous Appropriations** – Timely and thorough follow-up documentation for any previously awarded funding.
- **Sustainability and Additional Funding** – Ability to secure funding from other sources to sustain the project.

4. Priorities

Priority consideration will be given to projects and programs that:

- **Meet Basic Needs** – Provide access to nutritious food, clothing, shelter, and emergency financial assistance for Goodyear residents in crisis or facing instability.
- **Create Community Spaces** – Develop spaces that foster social and cultural cohesion.
- **Improve Service Delivery Systems** – Strengthen case management, expand digital access and technology, integrate peer support, and implement trauma-informed care.
- **Expand Mental Health Services** – Increase access to mental health care for individuals and families.
- **Advance Regional Solutions** – Address regional challenges through collaborative initiatives that create broader community impact.
- **Promote Economic Stability** – Help individuals achieve sustainable income and financial security through targeted programs.
- **Improve Transportation Access** – Expand transportation options to ensure equitable access to essential services.

And, serve at least one of the following populations:

- **Older adults and individuals with disabilities** who live on low, fixed incomes.
- **Individuals and families with low incomes.**
- **Families with children** who are in need of support.
- **Individuals with mental health concerns**, including those experiencing or recovering from abuse, and those facing challenges with substance misuse.
- **Individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness**, including those in “doubled-up” living situations.
- **Individuals with limited financial literacy** who need assistance to improve their understanding.
- **Young people who are disconnected** from education or employment opportunities.

5. Grant Application Process

- **Notice of Funding Application (NOFA):** The local government will issue a public notice outlining available grant opportunities, eligibility criteria, deadlines, and application procedures.

- **Application Submission:** Eligible nonprofits must submit their proposals by the deadline specified in the NOFA.
- **Staff Review:** Goodyear staff will review the application completeness and confirm eligibility.
- **Evaluation:** A designated review committee will assess eligible applications based on alignment with funding priorities, organizational capacity, expected impact, and available public resources.
- **Approval and Award:** Final funding decisions will be made by the City Council, with award notifications issued thereafter.

6. Grant Awards

- Recipients must enter into a formal grant agreement detailing terms, conditions, and reporting requirements.
- Funds will be disbursed as a lump sum if all requirements are met.
- Any unspent or misused funds must be returned to the City.

7. Reporting and Accountability

- Grant recipients must submit periodic progress reports, including financial statements and program impact assessments.
- Goodyear reserves the right to conduct audits or site visits to ensure compliance.
- Noncompliance may result in funding suspension, termination, or ineligibility for future grants.

8. Conflict of Interest and Ethical Considerations

- Government officials, employees, and review committee members must disclose any conflicts of interest related to grant applicants.
- Grant funding decisions must be made impartially and free from political influence or personal gain.
- Nonprofits receiving funds must adhere to ethical fundraising and financial management practices.

9. Amendment and Review

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure effectiveness and compliance with evolving community needs and regulatory requirements. Amendments may be made by the City Council as necessary.

10. Public Transparency

All grant awards, application processes, and recipient performance reports will be publicly accessible to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of public funds.