

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.
UNRESTRICTED GRANT CRITERIA
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Grant Criteria

Purposes:

The Orange County Community Foundation is interested in funding projects that will improve the quality of life of citizens of Orange County. Projects will generally fall within these categories:

Arts and Cultural Activities
Beautification
Civic and Historical Affairs
Education
Recreation
Health and Human Services
Senior Citizens
Youth

Eligibility:

Orange County organizations and agencies that are tax-exempt according to Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to apply. However, for-profit entities interested in funding charitable nonprofit programs may be eligible to apply; the OCCF Grants Committee will determine the eligibility status. Population served by the program must be only within Orange County.

Types of Funds:

Funding sources for OCCF grants are obtained from the interest drawn on its invested endowments; the principal is never spent. Sources can come from unrestricted funds or from sources designated by the donor. In addition, the Foundation may reserve some portion of revenue in its unrestricted funds for innovative projects which are developed in response to unforeseen needs, even if they do not fall within the annual priorities and granting cycles. The OCCF Board of Directors may also select a broad-based program area that may initiate "Requests for Proposals."

Policies and Restrictions:

Priorities

The Foundation gives higher priority to programs which:

- reach as many people as possible
- service Orange County as a whole
- are preventative rather than remedial
- increase individual access to community resources
- promote independence
- examine and address the underlying causes of local problems
- attract volunteer resources and support
- strengthen the private, non-profit sector
- encourage collaboration with other organizations
- build the capacity of the applying organizations
- offer services not already provided in the community

Lower Priority Funding

In order to maximize the use of the funds, Orange County Community Foundation gives a lower priority to the following:

- new or routine maintenance construction projects (except renovations of existing facility that enable the organization to provide a better quality of service to the citizens of Orange County)
- annual giving or capital campaigns
- a non denominational program (unless a specific community need is met; this is determined by the grants committee)
- organizations with an existing tax-base of support

Not Funded

These are absolutely not funded:

- advocacy or political purposes
- religious or sectarian purposes (promoting the teachings of a particular church or denomination)
- loans
- general group or individual travel expenses
- projects that benefit one individual
- re-granting (funds earmarked to grant to another organization)
- normal operating expenses (except start-up)
- computer hardware equipment

- multi-year funding to organizations that have received an OCCF grant in the last year. However, the grants committee reserves the right to fund the program multiple times in a year if, upon evaluation, committee members feel strongly about the value of the program in assisting the population of Orange County