

2017 Yahoo Community Benefit Fund - Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Q - What are the Yahoo Fund's areas of interest?**
A – Family and Community Building; Youth Education; Economic Development; Environment; Animal Welfare.
- 2. Q – In what geographic areas will the Fund make grants?**
A - Niagara County with preference given to the Greater Lockport area (City of Lockport and the Town of Lockport proper).
- 3. Q – How much money is available for grants each year?**
A – Approximately \$230,000.
- 4. Q – What size grant can I request?**
A – There are no restrictions on the size of grant request; however, the grantmaking model preferred by the Fund is to make multiple grants each year.
- 5. Q – How do I apply?**
A - Applications are only accepted online at <http://www.cfgb.org/for-nonprofits/for-grant-seekers/yahoo/> .
- 6. Q – May I email or mail my grant request?**
A – No, applications are only accepted online at <http://www.cfgb.org/for-nonprofits/for-grant-seekers/yahoo/> .
- 7. Q – When are funds available?**
A – Awards from the **2017** cycle will be distributed by **August 31, 2017** for projects that begin and end during the time period of **September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018**.
- 8. Q – Will the Fund consider a multi-year request?**
A – No, multi-year grant requests will not be considered.
- 9. Q – Does my organization have to be located in Niagara County to be considered for funding?**
A – No, however, the project for which funding is requested must serve residents of Niagara County.
- 10.Q – Are municipalities eligible to apply for funding?**
A - No, only organizations with an IRS 501(c) (3) designation are eligible for funding.
- 11.Q – Does my project have to address all five of the Fund's areas of interest?**
A – No, it has to address at least one area.

12.Q – Are capital campaign fund requests permissible?

A - Yes, however, funding is limited to those that would complete the capital campaign for projects scheduled to break ground during the September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018 time period.

13.Q – Will requests outside of the Fund’s five areas of interest be considered?

A – No.

14.Q – Are there any restrictions or things that the Fund will not support?

A – Yes. The Fund will not consider requests for support of endowments; religious purposes; attendance at or sponsorship of fundraising events; partisan political activity; schools not registered with the New York State Education Department; and for actions or activities that take place before the grant funding period. The Fund will only consider capital campaign requests for projects scheduled to start during the September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018 time period.

15.Q - What do you mean by ‘religious purposes’?

A - Requests that specifically promote religious activities. Applications for programs/projects that do not focus on religion and that are open and utilized by the general community are eligible for consideration.

16.Q – Will the Fund consider requests for general operating support?

A – Preference will be given to programs and projects that provide for new services or improved services.

17.Q – Will the Fund provide for indirect project expense?

A – Yes, the Fund will consider up to 10% in indirect project expense.

18.Q – May I submit more than one grant request in any given cycle?

A – No

19.Q – Are there any restrictions on the number of active Yahoo Community Benefit Funds grants that organizations can have?

A – Yes, organizations may only have one active grant at any given time.

20.Q – May my 501(c)(3) organization serve as a pass-through agency for a non-incorporated group?

A – No, 501(c)(3) organizations may not serve as pass-through agencies for non-incorporated groups.