

WILLIAM F. THIEL TRUST 2021 GRANT GENERAL INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE

Background

William Thiel was a long time philanthropist in the Wyoming County area. His generosity through monetary gifts to the hospital, fire departments, and other community organizations in Wyoming County was well known. He also left a significant legacy to the County through the creation of the William F. Thiel Trust, a fund held by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. The fund document of the William F. Thiel Trust states that distributions

"from this gift shall be used and applied by the Governing Committee of The Buffalo Foundation (now the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo) for the use and benefit of the health requirements of the residents of Wyoming County, New York."

Project Focus

In 2006, the Community Foundation implemented its first strategic plan. As a part of the plan, the foundation made the decision to put a concerted effort behind the Thiel Trust commissioning the first Wyoming County Health Needs Assessment. The assessment surveyed local healthcare experts, governmental agencies, providers, and the general public along with a view of the general trends in national rural healthcare to determine what the highest needs of the county were. The Health Needs Assessment was refreshed in 2012.

With ten years of funding history guided by prior Health Needs Assessments, the Community Foundation recast the Wyoming County Health Needs Assessment in 2017. The 2018-2022 Thiel funding priorities were chosen utilizing both qualitative and quantitative input. Two reports were commissioned to guide the process and feedback was solicited from local health care providers and experts.

The reports are available at www.cfgb.org under the William F. Thiel Grants section of the website. Most pertinent to the process is the 2018-2022 William F. Thiel Trust Grant Funding Priorities document. Applicants should review the Grant Funding Priorities paper in detail to determine if their request fits within the identified interests of the Community Foundation.

Next Steps

Applications **MUST** be submitted electronically online at www.cfgb.org utilizing the Foundant grants management system. No paper, pdf, or emailed applications will be accepted. Outcome reporting will also be online when closing the grant. Following, for your convenience, is an outline of the questions you will be required to address when completing your electronic application.

Grant seekers are encouraged to call the Community Foundation with any questions related to this application.

Timeline

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| November 16, 2020 | Application available online |
| December 18, 2020 @ 4 PM | Application submission deadline |
| ~Mid February 2021 | Grant decisions communicated |

Application deadline is 4 PM on December 18, 2020—NO EXCEPTIONS. Applications in draft form on the website as of 4:01 PM will be considered abandoned and not eligible for funding.

Any questions related to this application process should be directed to: Senior Program Officer
Darren Penoyer: darrenp@crgb.org Phone: 716-852-2857, x206

2021 Thiel Trust Grant Application Questions

NOTE: Applications MUST be submitted electronically online at www.crgb.org utilizing the Foundant Grant Lifecycle Manager system. No paper, pdf, or emailed applications will be accepted. The following questions are provided for your reference when completing the application online.

- Program name
- Amount requested
- Purpose of organization
- One sentence summary of grant purpose
- Date required
- Funding priority to be addressed (choose one of the following)
 - Infrastructure
 - Equipment-General Population
 - Personnel-General Population
 - Public Health-General Population
 - Health Services
 - Dental Health- General Population
 - Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder-General Population
 - Reproductive Health-General Population
 - Access and Navigation-General Population
 - Chronic Disease-General Population
 - Emergency Assistance-Low Income
 - Transportation-General Population
- Five year history of prior grant requests to the Thiel Trust only.
 - Previous requests, date submitted, and action (approved or denied) taken on each
- Financial background of organization including:
 - Annual operating expenses
 - Last fiscal year surplus/deficit
 - Accumulated surplus/deficit
 - Endowment market value

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. **Define priority need - why should this be done?**
 - What specific funding priority does proposal address? Who - and how many - will benefit? (must be quantified)

2. **Describe how this project advances one or more of the priorities identified through the 2018-2022 William F. Thiel Trust Funding Priorities.**
 - What actions/activities are proposed to meet this need?
 - What are the distinctive features of your approach/program?
 - What is the timetable?
3. **Who will be involved?**
 - What are the qualifications of people proposed for the project?
4. **Is this a collaboration?** If so, address the following:
 - Reasoning behind the collaborative solution
 - Exact role partner(s) will play
 - Extent to which CFGB funds will be subcontracted to other agencies for support of their collaborative roles
 - Provide documentation of support from partners, specifying their own unique role
 - What other area providers deliver similar services?
 - What coordination has been/could be achieved with these providers? If not, why not?
5. **What are your intended impacts/outcomes? (quantifiable changes preferred)**
 - How will they be measured (by whom and when)
6. **If the program or activity is to continue, is the program or activity sustainable**
 - Provide evidence on how the project will be sustained

PROJECT BUDGET

- Provide a very specific complete budget breakdown, identifying costs of the individual items that constitute your funding request to the Foundation.
- Budget narrative (optional)
- What investment is your organization making in this project?
- Other funding sources from whom funds have been requested and the status of these requests.
- If project is ongoing, what are your plans for continuing funding?

CERTIFICATION OF GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Board Endorsement

- Certification that the executive director and a board officer have approved submittal of the grant request and that all information provided is accurate.
- Confirmation that organization has a Conflict of Interest policy in accordance with NYS Law.
- List of all board members

ATTACHMENTS

- Resumes or CVs of project personnel – required
- Memoranda of Understanding or letters in support of your project from collaborators or letters from other funding sources who may have expressed interest in supporting the project – optional, but strongly advised
- Recent evaluations of your programs – optional