



2017 Centre Foundation Field-of-Interest FAQs

Important Dates

- September 5th - Field-of-Interest Cycle Announcement and Application Opens
- October 27th - 5PM Application Closes
- December 8th - Notification of Awards
- Before December 31st - Checks for Awards Issued

Who's Eligible to Apply?

- 501(c)(3) Charitable Non-Profit Organizations
- Governmental Units and Agencies

Building and Submitting Your Grant Application

❖ Draft and Revise

- You will be unable to save your work in the form and come back to it at a different time. In order to allow you to build a great application, **we have provided the application questions at the end of this document**. We recommend completing your answers outside of the form in Microsoft Word, in a Google Doc or a format of your choice, and then cutting and pasting those answers into the form when you are ready to submit.

❖ Be Concise

- We want you to really distill your idea until it's coherent and impactful, like an elevator speech. Many questions have a character count limit, so you will be required to keep your answers under that limit. Please take note of the character count limits, including spaces as character, for each prompt below. **You may find this tool helpful if you are unfamiliar with character counts: <https://charactercounttool.com/>**

❖ Ask for What You Need

- You may apply for any amount within the available grant amount listed. It's okay to not ask for the full amount or to add several funds together. Some applications may fit the scope of multiple funds. If you'd like to apply for multiple funds, and in order to be respectful of the time and consideration given to these applications, **please choose only those funds which directly relate to your proposal**.

❖ When You're Ready to Submit

- The link to the Application Form can be found in the Field-Of-Interest Section of Our Grants page here: https://www.centre-foundation.org/our_grants/

❖ **Confirming Your Application**

- You will receive **a confirmation email and a PDF copy of your application** at the email address you provide in the application. This may take a few minutes to automatically be emailed to you. Please be sure to check your spam or junk mail folders as the confirmation message may accidentally be directed there.

Fund Information

There are 14 Field-of Interest Funds in 2017. Each fund has a full description on our website, but here is some quick information:

- **Andrew and Madaline Rishel Family Fund (\$440.21 Available)**
 - **Summary-** This fund will support Christian churches in Penns Valley, to supplement the costs of sending members on mission trips.
- **Ben Franklin Fund (\$1,907 Available)**
 - **Summary-** Distributions from the Ben Franklin Fund at Centre Foundation are used to make grants to Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon and Mifflin counties, benefiting citizens of the Commonwealth and paid to qualified charities within the region.
- **Carolyn A. Petrus Memorial Seeing Eye Dog Fund (\$13,902 Available)**
 - **Summary-** The fund provides funding for organizations which raise, train, and match seeing-eye dogs to the people who need them. Seeing-eye dogs can provide independence to people who are blind or visually impaired and greatly enhance by their daily experiences.
- **Centre Children's Fund (\$1,615 Available)**
 - **Summary-** This field of interest fund supports organizations which provide programs and services to at risk children.
- **Centre County Medical Society Fund (\$1,058 Available)**
 - **Summary-** Distributions from this fund will assist non-profit organizations that are working to promote the health and well-being of the citizens of Centre County, specifically those that are fighting obesity in children and/or creating playground equipment or facilities.
- **Counseling Service Fund (\$9,356 Available)**
 - **Summary-** Continuing the original mission of Counseling Services Inc., this fund supports Centre County residents by supporting provision of direct behavioral/mental health counseling services.
- **J. Alvin and Vera E. Knepper Hawbaker Memorial Endowment Fund (\$3,628 Available)**
 - **Summary-** This fund will support organizations which provide vital health and education services across Centre County.
- **Louis E. and Patricia H. Silvi Fund (\$1,002 Available)**
 - **Summary-** This supports early childhood education programs that improve the health, care, and education of young children. Support from the community is critical to helping maintain the many valuable services and resources provided to families, professionals, early childhood programs, and elementary schools in Centre County.

- Mattil Family Fund (\$904 Available)
 - **Summary-** This fund supports animal welfare causes.
- Patricia Farrell Music Fund (\$7,213 Available)
 - **Summary-** Supporting music programs of all types, but particularly those focusing on children, this fund enhances the availability of music programs across the county.
- Philipsburg Area Fund (\$1,545 Available)
 - **Summary-** This fund supports Philipsburg-area non-profit organizations and programs.
- Proud to Be An American Fund (\$1,340 Available)
 - **Summary-** This fund supports non-profit organizations that display, encourage, or promote patriotic observances, especially on the 4th of July.
- Ruth E. Rishel Charitable Fund (\$2,023 Available)
 - **Summary-** This fund supports non-profit organizations and projects exclusively in the Penns Valley area.
- William W. and Helen S. Litke Memorial Fund for the Aid and Assistance of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (\$8,219 Available)
 - **Summary-** The fund supports programs for Centre County residents with hearing loss.

Questions to Answer

Contact Information

- Organization Name
- Is your organization a 501(c)3 non-profit as determined by the IRS, or a governmental unit or agency?
 - 501(c)3 non-profit
 - Governmental unit or agency
- Your First Name
- Your Last Name
- Your Email Address
- Your Phone Number

Grant Application Information

- Please briefly describe the overall goal of your proposal in 250 characters or fewer.
- How many people will your project serve? Describe the impact of your proposal in 300 characters or fewer.
- In 1800 characters or fewer, describe the project you'd like to fund and why it's necessary for our community. Please also describe the results that will demonstrate success.
- What amount would you like to request?
- Please describe your projected budget, including specific categories with estimated amounts, in 1200 characters or fewer.
- For which Field-of-Interest Fund would you like to apply?