

Resource: Frequently asked questions

What are the qualities of an ideal project for funding?

Based on the funding criteria of the Kiwanis Children's Fund Club Grant program, an ideal project would be described as:

- **Widely familiar.** A service project that the club is known for—or intends to be known for—throughout the community.
- **Sustainable.** Includes community support, with financial commitment from people and/or organizations beyond the club and the Children's Fund.
- **Recurring.** A project that can be done multiple times, over a long-term period.
- **Can be duplicated.** The kind of project that other clubs and districts can do, too.
- **Children- and community-focused.** Dedicated to improving kids' lives and the community around them.
- **High-impact.** Makes a significant difference, in many lives.

What types of projects will not be funded?

We will not fund requests for:

- Projects that lack a strong Kiwanis identity or hands-on involvement.
- Projects better suited for funding from local government or another institution.
- Completed projects or expenses that have already been paid.
- Operating expenses or salaries of established programs and institutions.
- Loan repayment, establishment of financial reserves or reimbursements.
- Individual assistance, one-time events, sponsorships, scholarships or fellowships.
- Scientific research projects or medical studies.
- Training expenses, travel or lodging.
- Capital construction projects or land/building purchases.

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Can my club request grant funds to reimburse expenses we have already paid?

No, grant funds cannot be used to reimburse an individual, organization or agency for expenses they have already paid. If selected for funding, your club must be able to spend the funds within the 12-month grant cycle as described in your application.

My club has received a grant in the past. Can we apply again?

Yes, previous grant recipients may apply for funding by submitting a new grant application, following the same process as other applicants. Funding in subsequent years is not guaranteed.

How much money can my club request?

Grant amounts vary. Applicants should request only the amount needed for a successful project. Requesting a larger amount does not increase your chance of being funded at a lesser amount.

When are club grants awarded?

The Kiwanis Children's Fund has three Club Grant cycles each year. Funding notifications are sent out on June 1, October 1 and January 1. For more details, view a full [timeline](#) of our Club Grant cycles.

What does the application process entail?

Applying for a Club Grant is a two-step process, beginning with a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) online. If approved at this stage, the club then receives access to a full grant application, also online.

Where do I apply for a grant?

Clubs can apply for a grant through our online grantmaking system, [Foundant](#). The Children's Fund offers valuable resources like: [How to Use Foundant](#) and [Video Guide: How to Use Foundant](#).

Can I submit my grant application by mail or email?

No, all applications must be submitted electronically through Foundant.

What if I have an account, but can't remember my login information?

If you need a password reminder, the system provides a "prompt" for retrieving it. Do not create a second, new user account. The email address for your login is the same one that receives Foundant confirmation emails.

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Can I preview LOI questions before beginning the process?

Yes. After you register in Foundant, you'll be taken to the Apply page, where you will see an open Letter of Inquiry application that you can begin. Click the gray "Preview" button to view the LOI questions before beginning the application.

Do I have to complete my LOI all at once?

No, you can stop and save what you've completed—and then return to finish later.

Can I preview the grant application questions before I begin the process?

A link to the list of application questions can be found on our [club grant resources page](#).

If I don't have the required attachments in electronic form, can I make other arrangements to deliver them?

No, all documents must be submitted via Foundant. If you have only a paper copy of an attachment, you can use a scanner to scan it, save it and then include as an attachment.

How do I know when my LOI has been received?

You will receive a confirmation email from Foundant when your LOI has been received, along with additional information on next steps.

Who reviews LOIs and full grant applications?

The Kiwanis Children's Fund program services team reviews all LOIs and determines which clubs are eligible to apply for a grant. Full applications are then accepted and reviewed according to the [evaluation guidelines](#). Funding recommendations are made to the Grants Committee of the Kiwanis Children's Fund. The Grants Committee makes final funding decisions.

What should I do if I have other questions about the club grant program?

Contact the Kiwanis Children's Fund at grants@kiwanis.org. You can also call toll-free: 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 225 (U.S. and Canada), or +1-317-217-6225 (worldwide).