

Good Neighbor Grant Proposal Guidelines

Grant Summary

The Good Neighbor Grant program was established in 2012 to identify and strengthen ties with youth-serving nonprofit organizations in the Northern Virginia, metropolitan Washington, D.C., and Maryland areas that are helping students with financial need reach their full potential through education.

Selected grantees will receive a one-time grant of between \$10,000 - \$35,000 that may be used over a one-year period. Funding is intended for application towards specific project or program-based costs.

In keeping with the Foundation's mission of advancing the education of exceptionally promising students with financial need, the Good Neighbor Grant can support the establishment of new programs or the enhancement of existing initiatives that support high potential students with financial need. We are most interested in programs that strive to exceed standards rather than meet them, and aim to promote engagement, enrichment, creativity, talent development, and intellectual curiosity.

Examples of eligible programs include school-year or summer academic enrichment opportunities, college access programs, arts education, service learning, STEM programs, and innovative programs that bridge education and technology. Funds may also be used for the development of education-related products that will directly benefit students such as handbooks, training guides, and other written and digital media. Note that your proposed project must begin on or after April 1, 2020.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for a grant, your organization must:

- Be classified as a public charity and tax-exempt under 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.
- Be located and serve students in one of more of the following geographic areas:
 - Virginia: Loudoun, Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, Clarke, or Fauquier Counties; the cities of Alexandria, Manassas, Manassas Park, Falls Church
 - District of Columbia: All Wards
 - Maryland: Montgomery or Prince George's Counties
- Not have received a Good Neighbor Grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation within the twelve months preceding the current submission deadline.
- Focus on K-12 education, college access and completion, or visual and performing arts education.
- Serve low- to moderate-income students, including those who demonstrate strong academic potential.
- Present distinctive and noteworthy practices.
- Have a deserved reputation for operating high-quality programs that achieve outstanding student outcomes.

Grant Restrictions

The Good Neighbor Grant does not fund general operating support, capital improvements, endowments, lobbying, or activities that exclusively benefit the members of sectarian or religious organizations. In addition, the following program areas **are not** supported by this grant:

- At-risk intervention
- Remedial education
- Dropout prevention
- Early childhood education (pre-K)
- Adult literacy
- Adult education
- GED completion programs
- Adult financial literacy
- Life-skills training
- Non-academic mentorship
- Nutrition education
- Physical Education

Submit a Proposal

To apply for a Good Neighbor Grant, please [visit our online application portal](#). **New this year**, we are introducing a two-phase application process. We invite you to submit a Letter of Inquiry consisting of only basic organization information and your project description. After review, a small group of Phase 1 applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

The application process is fully online. Data is automatically saved as you move from one section to the next. You may exit the application at any time and return to complete the process or make changes until the deadline.

You must click the **'Final Review and Submit'** button on the dashboard and follow the prompts for your application to be submitted.

If you have any questions about this grant opportunity, please email us at grants@jkcf.org.

To read about past recipients of the Good Neighbor Grant, [visit our website](#).

Grant Review Timeline

September 3, 2019	Phase 1 application process opens
October 1, 2019	Deadline for receipt of Phase 1 proposals at 5:00 p.m. ET.
October 15, 2019	Review notifications emailed to applicants
November 19, 2019	If invited, full proposal (phase 2) submission deadline
Early March 2020	Grant award notification
Late March 2020	Grant payments disbursed
April 2019	For budgeting purposes, grant period can begin as early as April 1, 2020
May 31, 2021	Grantee narrative and financial report due