Funding Guidelines

To qualify for grant funding consideration, your organization must meet the following criteria:

▪ Have current tax-exempt status as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code or be a governmental entity. Governmental entities and school systems will need to submit an IRS letter of determination or a letter on government/school system letterhead confirming you are a government entity or school system.
▪ Serve communities that are also served by Duke Energy
▪ Serve communities without discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, creed, gender, gender identity, age, sexual orientation or national origin
▪ Have a method by which to measure, track and report one or more program outcomes and specific results that demonstrate measurable community impact

Restrictions

Foundation grant support is not available for:

▪ Churches or evangelical organizations
▪ Organizations with a substantial purpose of influencing any political, legislative or regulatory cause
▪ Fraternal, veteran or labor membership organizations serving only the members of that organization
▪ Organizations offering or providing either Duke Energy Corporation, the Duke Energy Foundation, or their respective officers or employees any benefit from the grant
▪ Nonprofit organizations that are opposing or intervening parties (or that fund any such parties) in any proceeding in which Duke Energy is a party, or that fund or produce negative advertisements against Duke Energy.

The Foundation does not fund grants for programs and projects associated with, but not limited to, the following:

▪ Individual K-12 schools or organizations that operate within an individual school. We will consider school grants at the district level.
▪ Sports teams or events, with the exception of the Power for Students program
▪ Religious programs, projects or activities
▪ Direct cost reduction for electric or gas service provided by Duke Energy
▪ External fundraising campaigns or events
▪ General operating expenses
▪ Capital investments and improvements
▪ Endowments or other foundations

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