



COMMUNITY GIVING

FUNDING FOR FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS- GUIDANCE FOR POTENTIAL GRANTEES:

The community is fortunate to be home to a wide variety of faiths and faith-based organizations that serve our communities. CommunityGiving provides funding to faith-based groups that meet certain guidelines through our General/Community Grant funding. CommunityGiving does allow funding to faith-based organizations for community-wide, charitable purposes; we do not allow funding for direct religious purposes.

To assist faith-based organizations in determining eligibility to receive funding, we have included a sample list of program characteristics and descriptions as a guide. The list is not comprehensive; we encourage you to contact the Foundation's Executive Director or CommunityGiving's Director of Community Programs should you have questions about your organization's funding eligibility.

Characteristics of eligible programs may include but are not limited to:

- May be located in a house of worship;
- Must separate religious programs from non-religious programs;
- May use the same room, but not at the same time, for religious and non-religious programs;
- Are open to all and inclusive, regardless of religious affiliation, displaying an attitude of welcome and hospitality to all members of our communities;
- Abstain from religious worship, religious instruction, prayer and proselytization (recruitment);
- Eliminate any required statements of belief from participants.

Descriptions of faith-based programs previously funded include:

- A food bank operating out of a faith-based ministry;
- Case management for families at a faith-based social service agency;
- A senior dining program operated by a faith-based organization;
- Community wide after school programming and tutoring within a house of worship;
- Community-wide wellness and activity center with mentoring programming.

Programs who review this Guidance and deem themselves eligible may complete the on-line grant application. All submitted grant applications are reviewed according to established protocol.