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Who is eligible for a grant?

- The Phoenix Club of Nashville welcomes grant proposals from nonprofit organizations classified as 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charities by the Internal Revenue Service and entities of government located in and serving Middle Tennessee.

Do I have to have a GivingMatters.com profile?

- All 501(c)(3) public charities interested in being considered for a Phoenix Club of Nashville grant must maintain a complete and up-to-date profile in GivingMatters.com. This requirement ensures that we have all the necessary information to thoroughly consider your organization for funding. Only organizations with current profiles will be eligible for grant support. For more information on how to create/update your profile and the GivingMatters.com requirement, [CLICK HERE](#).

What are the broad requirements for funding?

- The Phoenix Club of Nashville funds organizations that:
 - Focus explicitly on meeting the needs of underserved youth
 - Are based in and provide services to Middle Tennessee
 - Are in need of early-stage funding or are more established nonprofits that need funding for specific projects which do not yet have committed funding. The Phoenix Club prioritizes organizations with annual revenues less than \$1,000,000.
 - Have demonstrated they have systems to quantify and report outcomes generated by grant funding received
 - Seek to use funding for a specific program or purpose with a defined lifecycle or that can be reasonably expected to find sustainable financial support after The Phoenix Club's support. PCON does not provide grants for ongoing operating expenses including staff compensation.





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Does the Phoenix Club of Nashville provide unrestricted funding or make multi-year grants?

- No.

How does a nonprofit submit a grant request?

- Please submit grant requests via this [link](#). Note that a member of the Phoenix Club of Nashville will reach out to acknowledge receipt and/or provide feedback within one month from time of submission. Successful grant applications typically span several months and involve additional due diligence questionnaires.

Does my organization have to be located within the 33 counties of Middle Tennessee?

- Yes, it does. Organizations headquartered outside Middle Tennessee, even though their project may benefit residents and communities in this region, must have a local presence that includes a physical address/office, local staff and board, and local financials for the Middle Tennessee operations.

Does The Phoenix Club of Nashville fund faith-based organizations?

- The Phoenix Club of Nashville may fund faith-based organizations when the organization is providing a social service to the wider community, beyond their own members, and when the nature of the grant application aligns with our funding criteria. The Phoenix Club of Nashville will not make grants for religious activities that serve only the members of a single congregation or to any organizations offering programs of a religious nature or programs requiring participation in religious activities or adherence to a particular set of beliefs as a condition for receiving services. As part of our commitment to fund inclusive programs, we require organizations to state any explicit or implicit religious practices involved in operations.





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Who decides which applications are awarded grants?

- The Phoenix Club's Venture Philanthropy and Selection Committees review grant requests and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval.

The Phoenix Club of Nashville declined to fund our proposal. Why? Will we be able to submit another application?

- The decision to decline a grant proposal is not necessarily a reflection on the value of the program. We receive many more requests to support programs than our relatively limited resources will permit. Feel free to reapply the following grant cycle and as always, the Venture Philanthropy team is available to answer questions.

