



T H E N E X T G E N E R A T I O N
of the DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Next Generation of the Delaware Community Foundation Guidelines for Competitive Grants

What is the Next Generation of the Delaware Community Foundation?

The Next Generation (TNG) is a philanthropic organization that was created and is directed by young professionals living and working in Delaware. TNG leverages many of the Delaware Community Foundation's resources, but members have established their own structure to raise funds and support the community. There are currently 45 members of TNG who have chosen to dedicate their time and resources to helping to find ways to give back to our community.

Through the charitable fund they established in 2004, The Next Generation has awarded more than \$107,000 in support of initiatives that address underlying social challenges faced by the most vulnerable Delawareans. Initially focusing on programs to fight the high incident rate of infant mortality in Delaware, TNG is now raising money to support programs for 10 to 14-year-olds that address the underlying social factors that contribute to low graduation rates, teen pregnancy and drug abuse. Specifically, TNG will help fund out-of-school programs that incorporate other family members, role models or peers to help address these factors. The merits and execution of each program will determine grant selection.

What is the Delaware Community Foundation?

The Delaware Community Foundation (DCF) is a nonprofit organization created in 1986 to provide a lasting source of charitable funding to benefit the people of Delaware by connecting people who care. The Foundation manages hundreds of charitable funds for individuals, families, businesses and organizations. It invests and administers these funds, then distributes the income as grants to many of the humanitarian, educational, health and cultural organizations in Delaware. The DCF also works with other nonprofit organizations to assess and meet community needs. The mission of the DCF is to inspire and help people of all backgrounds and means leave lasting legacies to benefit the people of Delaware.

What is the policy of TNG in making grants?

Proposals for competitive grants are considered on the basis of how they enhance the quality of life for Delawareans. TNG is particularly interested in proactive, preventative and future-thinking proposals. TNG's Grants Committee oversees all grantmaking, subject to approval of all TNG members and the DCF Board of Directors. Only nonprofit organizations within the state of Delaware that have a 501(c)(3) designation by the Internal Revenue Service are eligible to apply. Agencies receiving TNG grants must serve the state of Delaware and its residents without discrimination based on race, religion, gender, age, disability, or national origin.

When are TNG grants awarded?

The Fund has one competitive Program Grant cycle each year. Grant applications will be available on September 14, 2009 and are due on October 14, 2009. Grants will be awarded in January, 2010.

What is the review process?

The TNG Grants Committee (“the Committee”) will evaluate all completed application forms for conformity with TNG grantmaking guidelines. The Committee then selects candidates for further evaluation and schedules site visits to some or all finalists. Applicants are notified approximately sixty (60) days following the application deadline whether or not their proposal is a final candidate for funding. (Initial acceptance of a proposal does not guarantee funding.) The Committee recommends a slate of grants for approval by the all the members of TNG. Following the TNG membership vote, the staff notifies all finalists whether or not they received a grant.

What happens if I receive a TNG grants?

You are requested to distribute a news release announcing the grant and describing the project or program to be carried out with TNG funding and submit a summary of grant-related activities at the end of the grant year. Prior grant recipients may apply the next year if they qualify for the grantmaking focus.

What happens if I do not receive a TNG Grant?

Applicants for program grants may apply the next year, if they qualify for the grantmaking focus.

What we support. . .

TNG supports programs for 10 to 14-year-olds that address the underlying social factors that contribute to low graduation rates, teen pregnancy and drug abuse. Specifically, TNG will help fund out-of-school programs that incorporate other family members, role models or peers to help address these factors. All applications that meet TNG’s guidelines are given thorough study by the Committee. Because the TNG receives many more grant requests than it is able to support, nonprofit organizations are encouraged to seek funding from multiple sources for a particular program or project.

We are interested in initiatives that. . .

- Demonstrate vision, effectiveness, good management and action for positive change.
- Encourage collaboration between agencies and reduce duplication of services.
- Leverage funds from other sources.
- Create a sense of community through neighborhood involvement and outreach.
- Include an evaluation component.

What we do not support. . .

- Endowment.
- Debt reduction.
- Religious organizations for sectarian purposes.
- Annual fundraising campaigns or general operating expenses.
- Projects completed before the date of grant approval by the TNG membership.
- Sports clubs or leagues.
- Individuals.

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