

Powerful Communities

Duke Energy Foundation Funding Guidelines

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

