



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE GRANT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

If an organization recently received a Transform Lake County grant from Legacy Foundation, does this impact eligibility for this opportunity?

Organizations with an active grant from Legacy Foundation remain eligible to apply for the Love Where You Live grant. Receiving a Love Where You Live grant will also not affect an organization's eligibility for other future Legacy Foundation grant opportunities during the grant period.

I understand only one application can be submitted per organization or municipality. What about partners? Can they be a collaborator on one project and submit their own?

Yes, organizations may submit one Love Where You Live application and may also participate as a partner on additional applications.

Can one municipality with many departments submit their own grant? Say Parks submits one and redevelopment submits another, or do they need to collaborate and pick one project?

Applicant eligibility will be determined based on individual EINs. If multiple entities within a municipality operate under separate EINs, each entity may apply independently.

Can we submit proposals for multiple projects?

No, each organization may only submit one proposal. If an organization has multiple project ideas or site locations, we recommend picking the one that has the greatest community impact.

Are colleges and universities eligible to apply for Love Where You Live grants?

Yes, colleges and universities are eligible to apply for the Love Where You Live grant.

We're a 501c3 located on the county line of Lake/Porter. We are actively looking at the opportunity to serve and are looking to underwrite our vision of an inclusive outdoor space along with improvements and upgrades of existing structures for our Life Center. Would a Porter County address preclude us from applying?

Organizations do not need to be physically located in Lake County to apply. However, all Love Where You Live projects must take place in Lake County, Indiana, and applicant organizations must demonstrate a history of serving Lake County communities.

Could a parks department apply and upgrade/create features at more than one site? For example, Gary has 50+ parks.

No, each organization may only submit one proposal. If an organization has multiple project ideas or site locations, we recommend picking the one that has the greatest community impact.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Are infrastructure upgrades eligible for the grant?

Infrastructure upgrades are eligible when they directly support how residents and the broader community will engage with, access, and utilize the public space.

Would adding a new exhibit qualify for grant funding?

On its own, the addition of a new exhibit within an existing space would not fall within the scope of the Love Where You Live grant. However, if the exhibit is part of a larger project that creates or enhances the public space, exhibit-related elements may be considered an eligible expense.

Can we charge rental fees for the public space?

Occasional rental fees for the space, or for portions of the space, are allowable. However, the overall public space must remain regularly accessible and free for general public use. For example, booth rental fees for vendors participating in a market event would be considered an allowable expense.

Can we sell tickets to events in our public space? (i.e. events, exhibits, etc.)

Ticket sales for occasional special events or exhibits are allowable. However, the public space itself should remain regularly open and free for community use. Membership fees or general admission charges required to access the space are not permitted under this grant opportunity.

APPLICATION

For the upload of renderings/pictures is there a preferred format or requirements for those uploads?

There is no required or preferred format for documents uploaded as part of the application.

Is there flexibility on the file size limit for document uploads? We have several design files, photos, etc. that far surpass the 3 MB limit.

If you are unable to reduce the file size, email your files to Kelly Baer at kbaer@legacyfdn.org via a zip file or shared folder. She will attach the documents to your application for committee review. If using a shared folder, please make sure share settings are set so we are able to download the files.

There are two dollar estimates to include in the application: a grant request amount and a total project cost. For the total project cost, do we include any investment amounts into the site prior to the grant request or anticipated future investments?

For the total project cost, applicants should focus on the specific project components included in the funding request. For example, if funding is being requested for phases two and three of a park plan, the total project cost should reflect those phases only. However, applicants are encouraged to highlight prior investments in phase one, additional funding supporting the current phases, and any anticipated future investments within the application's budget section.

BUDGET

Does the total project cost number only reflect the amount we are requesting or the total cost to activate the new space?

For the total project cost, applicants should focus on the specific project components included in the funding request. For example, if funding is being requested for phases two and three of a park plan, the total project cost should reflect only those phases. However, applicants are encouraged to include funding details for the broader project within the budget section, especially if additional funds have already been committed or are anticipated in the future. Full project details should also be included as an attachment, when available.

If we upload a line-by-line grant budget, should we exclude in-kind contributions?

In-kind contributions should not be included in the total project cost calculation. However, applicants are welcome to reference in-kind support within the budget narrative and line-item budget. If included, in-kind contributions should be clearly identified as such.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will you provide a list of all those who have attended so we can see other organizations that are interested in partnerships?

To protect attendee privacy, contact information for event participants will not be shared.

Will this grant open back up in the future?

Currently intended as a one-time grant opportunity.

What will you be doing with the remaining \$1M portion of the total \$5M grant or is that something already listed in the grant opportunities Legacy offers?

The additional \$1M investment that was announced at the April 23rd event is being invested in three grant opportunities to further support Lake County organizations: Transform Lake County, Lake County Resilience, and a new opportunity to support nonprofit capital campaigns. To learn more about these grant opportunities, visit legacyfdn.org.