

ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING APPLICATION GUIDELINES

OAUW, as the voluntary community's fundraising and allocation instrument, will receive, evaluate, and act on applications for financially supported programs, and in doing so it will study each application in relation to funding priorities. Final decisions on distribution of funds reside with the Board of Directors.

The applicant agency shall be willing to file its mission statement and objectives and such other documents as may be required with OAUW. The applicant agency will indicate at the time of application its willingness to sign a "Memorandum of Agreement" and use OAUW application forms. If an agency does not meet the eligibility standards below, the agency's application will not be considered.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

- Agencies/organizations directly engaged in charitable health, social service or closely related activities,
- Agencies/organizations that provide services in eastern Wayne County,
- Non-profit organizations – 501©(3) status or other,
- Agencies/organizations that operate, by policy and practice, without discrimination based on race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status in all respects including service to people, the selection of board and committee members, and the employment of professional and other staff,
- We will consider applications for funding programs of schools and governmental organizations as long as they are specific programs/projects and not covered by tax funds,
- We will consider funding new or existing programs as long as they reside within one or more of our four impact areas: Nurturing Children & Youth, Helping in Hard Times, Developing Life Skills, and/or Promoting Health & Wellness.

WHAT WE DO NOT FUND

- Political campaigns
- Sectarian programs (we will fund a program of a religious organization as long as the program doesn't include religious content and is open to all)
- Loan payments or deficit spending
- Capital campaigns for buildings, etc. We will fund program-related equipment.

PROGRAMS MORE LIKELY TO BE FUNDED WILL:

- Address identified and/or emerging community health and human service needs,
- Benefit a significant number of people with wide-ranging demographic representation within the purpose of the program,
- Deliver services efficiently and cost-effectively,
- Encourage self-reliance,
- Focus on prevention,
- Avoid duplication of services,
- Enhance cooperation and collaboration among organizations.