



Request for Proposals

Grant Amount: up to \$10,000

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations within 50 miles of the University of Michigan campus

Proposals due: March 6th, 2018

Source of Funds: Learning by Giving Foundation, via University of Michigan

Background:

Foundation 313 is a group of University of Michigan Sport Management students ***committed to positively and directly impacting our community***. Through a partnership with the Learning by Giving Foundation, we provide grants to non-profit organizations in Southeast Michigan who support underserved youth. ***We seek to make a difference in the following areas: youth leadership and development, education, physical and mental health, and / or through providing safe places for youth to play, be active, engage, and interact.*** We value the contribution of strong communities to helping youth develop and thrive. Our grant making efforts will reflect these values and will make immediate impact on the needs of our community.

As students learning about nonprofits and grant making, we recognize that many youth in our communities are not provided with equal access to services related to education, health and wellness, sport, recreation, and / or leadership opportunities. We take our responsibility of making a difference seriously and value this opportunity to impact the Southeast Michigan region. This project aims to aid nonprofit organizations that strive to improve communities through serving and developing youth. This could be via a number of approaches – after school efforts, summer programming, in school programs etc., and proposals could focus broadly in the many areas of youth development identified in our mission statement.

Applicants may request up to \$10,000 for the proposed project. Proposals must be submitted by March 6th, 2018.

Eligibility:

Only organizations with documented 501(c)(3) status operating within 50 miles of the University of Michigan campus will be considered. Organizations that have previously received funding from Learning by Giving are not eligible for a period of three years. Organizations must be in good financial standing with appropriate organizational capabilities to receive and administer grant funds.

Organizations applying for this grant must be youth centered and have a focus on serving and developing youth.

Proposed Project Narrative:

Proposals may focus on any type of program that will help develop youth (e.g., leadership skills, health and well-being, and / or community engagement via physical education, physical activity, play, recreation or sport activity). Ideally proposals will create a long lasting effect on the youth in the area and will foster positive attitudes toward health, education, wellness, community, and / or sport and physical activity participation.

Provide a description of your project in detail, including:

- Organization's **background, primary mission, history, and qualifications**.
- Brief statement of **problem to be addressed**.
- **Project goals and objectives** (describe your project's primary objectives, and how your project will solve your problem).
- **Target population** (describe the population served by the proposed project, including income, households, age, sex, ethnicity/race).
- **Project activities** (describe your proposed project in detail and show how it will help (offer opportunities, access etc.)).
- **Project cost / budget**. Amount of your request (up to \$10 000 maximum).
- **Staff** responsible for your proposed project.

Evaluation Criteria:

A successful proposal will ideally:

- Propose a solution or opportunity to impact youth development.
- Utilize and grow initial investment into larger-scale impact.
- Create new programs, strategies, or activities for the organization.
- Demonstrate the organization's capabilities to fulfill promises.
- Indicate a strategy to increase accessibility into or scope of the program.

Materials to include with submission:

- A cover letter that includes all relevant contact information for your organization, including the name of the contact person and their contact information and a brief summary of the proposed project.
- A detailed proposal for the project.
- Include the most recent 990 form as an attachment.

To Apply:

Submit a proposal by March 6, 2018 **via email in pdf format** to:

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For questions about grant submission, please contact: kbabiak@umich.edu

To submit your proposal, please send to: umfoundation313@gmail.com