



The Greater Dayton Conservation Fund

A Fund of The Dayton Foundation

2016 Grant Application Guidelines

The Greater Dayton Conservation Fund (Fund) is soliciting grant proposals from organizations that benefit citizens of the communities in the Great and Little Miami River watersheds and that are recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

In 2016, the Partners for the Environment is assisting the Greater Dayton Conservation Fund by managing the Grant Application process, and soliciting questions about the grant and the application. The Greater Dayton Conservation Fund Board will select the grantees at their discretion using the guidelines.

Generally, the Fund makes grants to help launch new projects not addressed by existing organizations or to support special efforts of already established nonprofit organizations. A proposal should represent a unique and unduplicated opportunity that will affect a substantial number of people. For 2016, it is anticipated that the Fund will award two grants up to \$5,000.

The deadline for proposals is Friday, June 30, 2016.

The Fund Is Particularly Interested In Projects That:

- preserve or restore natural habitats;
- assess/measure water quality, species, etc.;
- encourage regional cooperation and is consistent with regional objectives;
- support/stimulate sustainable agriculture;
- result in permanent protection of land via purchase or conservation easement;
- involve people of all ages, especially youth;
- educate general public on value of conservation principles;
- provide nature experiences for urban residents;
- identify as an objective in a Watershed Action Plan;
- encourage and/or implement Conservation Design principles for construction projects.

The Fund Does Not Award Grants For:

- general organizational operations;
- ongoing programs;
- individuals;
- scientific, medical or academic research projects;
- operational deficits or reduced or lost funding;
- sectarian activities of religious organizations;
- scholarships and travel grants;
- annual fundraising drives, ceremonies, special or one-time events;
- public or private schools;

- administrative costs that exceed 10% of the total project budget (grant should not be a burden to staff of organization).
- endowment funds.

To Be To Be Eligible for a Grant, Your Organization Must:

- be recognized as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt nonprofit organization, (with a primary program focus on conservation.)
- benefit the citizens in the Dayton/Greater Miami Valley region;
- hold a current paid membership to the Partners for the Environment;
- have a diversity/inclusion policy; and
- address needs that are not met fully by existing organizational or community resources.
- The project should demonstrate the financial resources and expertise to complete the project.

To Apply for a Grant:

Mail three copies of completed Grant Request Form and documentation of tax-exempt status to:
The Dayton Foundation, c/o Greater Dayton Conservation Fund, 40 N. Main Street, Suite 500,
Dayton, OH 45423

Applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline date of June 30, 2016

Award Notification:

Award notification will be in September 2016. The Grantee must be able to attend the Partners for the Environment Fall Award Reception to receive the grant on Wednesday, October 5.

For More Information:

For questions about this grant and the application contact: Teri Schoch, Program Assistant of the Partners for the Environment at PartnersFortheEnvironment@gmail.com

To learn more about the Fund, visit The Dayton Foundation:
<https://www.daytonfoundation.org/conservation.html>