

Sower's Club of Lincoln

07/01/2024

Grant Type (Program/Project *seemingly)

GRANT SUMMARY

Suggested Amount \$15,000-\$20,000

Average Amount \$15,000

Spending Requirements Unclear, may be program/project specific

Reporting Requirements Post-project evaluation

Supporting Documents Letter of Determination, Annual Report, current Balance Sheet, itemized project budget

Link to Interest Form / Letter of Interest Submission Site [Grant Application](#)

GRANT ALIGNMENT

Funder Priorities

Children, Underprivileged, Community Service, Education

Proposed Use Of Funds

The Early Childhood Learning Center fits perfectly into the above priorities (full list below) and focuses on an underserved area of Lincoln.

KEY WORDS / CONCEPTS / FOCUSES

“To improve the quality of life in our Community & Nebraska by providing funding for a wide range of charitable giving with emphasis on youth; underprivileged, and education; and by providing a fiscally responsible program for protecting and growing the assets of the Foundation.”

Children
Underprivileged
Disabled
Community Service Organizations
Medical Support

Elderly
Education
Community Safety
Community Partners

SOCIAL CAPITAL

It is always best to establish and cultivate good relationships with organizations and their representatives. They will understand your work on a deeper level and be better equipped to present your request to the reviewers. Look into their Board of Directors, and yours, and see if there are any connections. Board to Board connections can be very helpful in applying for grants, especially from local foundations.

IMPORTANT NOTES

I think The Sower's Club is a good fit for the Early Childhood Learning Center because their application leans towards program funding not general support.

They have a section for other funding you are receiving for the same project which means they are looking for both sustainability and trust from others in the community. Your partnership with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund is a good indicator of confidence in the project, but supplement it with something local if you can, just make sure they are supporting the Early Childhood Learning Center (even tangentially).

They request a line-item budget, so try to get as detailed of a budget together as soon as you can so that you can be specific.

Keep in mind - "Upon submission, please include a copy of the "Letter of Determination" regarding your agency's 501(c)3 status and a copy of your annual report or current balance sheet outlining your administrative costs."

These documents can be emailed to info@thesowersclub.com.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Cultivate connections, either through your/their Boards of Directors or reach out via 402-438-2244 or info@thesowersclub.com for more information about what they're looking for and what they can fund.
2. Draft a rough budget that you can itemize, even if it will change in the future, to prepare for their application questions.
3. Compile/gather partners in the community who demonstrate trust and commitment to your organization.