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The David C.
HERRIMAN FUND
of the **GREATER CINCINNATI FDN.**

Request for Proposals

Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) invites eligible organizations to apply for funding. **NEW AS OF 2021:** Organizations must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) no later than **August 15, 2023 by 11:59 pm**. Organizations will be notified by September 1 if they are invited to submit a full proposal. The deadline for full proposal submission is **October 2, 2023 by 11:59 pm**. This is a competitive process. The invitation to submit a proposal does not guarantee a grant award.

About the David C. Herriman Fund of GCF

The David C. Herriman Fund of Greater Cincinnati Foundation was established by Mr. Herriman to facilitate grants to regional performing arts organizations through a competitive process. The funds available for distribution in 2023 are \$353,000.

Funding Focus

The Fund was created to support the arts in the Greater Cincinnati area of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, with a preference for the performing arts. Special consideration will be given to enhancing performance through support for bringing in performance artists, directors, choreographers, authors, musicians, etc. Proposals for the performance of new works and for the education of youth, specifically in the performing arts, are encouraged.

Purpose

- In Mr. Herriman's words, "to make possible what would otherwise be impossible" opportunities for arts organizations in the Greater Cincinnati area.



Result

- Cincinnati area audiences will enjoy unique and extraordinary arts experiences.

Use of Funds

Funding may be used to help launch a new program or project or to significantly enhance existing programs. Grants for capital purposes are discouraged, other than grants for equipment related to a specific performance. Funding will not be awarded for campaigns, special events or fundraising.

Criteria

- Applicants must be local 501(c)(3) organizations, which support the arts in Hamilton, Butler, Warren and Clermont counties in Ohio, Campbell, Kenton and Boone counties in Kentucky, and Dearborn County in Indiana.
- Applicants may be large or small organizations, with a strong preference for performing arts organizations, including musical groups. Colleges and universities, however, are excluded.
- In accordance with Mr. Herriman's wishes of creating meaningful impact, one larger grant (up to \$300,000) and one or two smaller grants (up to \$25,000 each) will be awarded.
- Project/performance should commence in 2024. Small grant project/performance should conclude no later than December 31, 2025; large grant project/performance should conclude no later than December 31, 2026.
- No one organization may be awarded a grant from the Herriman Fund for more than two years in succession.
- Special consideration shall be given to enhancing performances through support for bringing in **nationally recognized** performance artists, directors, choreographers, authors, musicians, etc.
- Grants for education of youth, specifically for the performing arts, are also encouraged.
- Grants for performing new works are encouraged.



Application Process

NEW AS OF 2021: Organizations seeking to apply must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) by August 15, 2023. Upon review, a select number of organizations will be invited to submit full proposals. The full proposal deadline is October 2, 2023.

Respond to this RFP via [GCF's online grantmaking system](#) using the "David C. Herriman Fund of GCF."

After logging in to an existing account or creating a new account, complete all required fields and submit by the deadline(s) listed in this RFP.

If invited to submit a full proposal, you will be asked to provide the following four documents in the final section of the full proposal:

- Project budget
- Income statement & balance sheet (last 2 fiscal years, current year agency budget, year to date)
- Most recent audit or 990
- Board list with demographics

RFP Timeline

Key Steps	Date
RFP Released	July 3, 2023
Letter of Intent Deadline	August 15, 2023
Notification of Invitation to Apply	September 1, 2023
Proposal Deadline	October 2, 2023
Decision Communicated	December 2023
Funding Received	December 2023

Questions

Please direct any questions that you may have to Lisa Davis Roberts, Senior Program Officer, at 513-768-6113 or lisa.davisroberts@gcfdn.org. Thank you for considering



partnership with Greater Cincinnati Foundation and we look forward to learning from your submission.

About Greater Cincinnati Foundation

As the region's leading community foundation, Greater Cincinnati Foundation connects people with purpose in an eight-county region in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. GCF is leading the charge toward a more vibrant Greater Cincinnati for everyone – now, and for generations to come.