

## **What We Look For In An Applicant Organization**

The Fairfield County Foundation accepts grant requests to the Youth Advisory Committee for youth related project from organizations located in Fairfield County and are recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. If you do not have a 501(c)(3), you may enter into an agreement with a qualified non-profit that will act as your fiscal agent.

- Established, fiscally-sound organization
- Strong governance
- Demonstrated organizational capacity and track record
- Sound short-term and long-range plans

## **What We Look For In A Proposed Project**

- Benefits the youth in Fairfield County
- Project feasibility
- Clearly documented community need or opportunity
- Where appropriate, documented evidence of best practices
- Measurable program outcomes and community impact
- Realistic sustainability plan
- Leverage of other financial and in-kind resources

## **Limitations**

There are restrictions on the scope of activities the Foundation is able to support. In general, the Fairfield County Foundation does not make grants from its discretionary/unrestricted funds for:

- General operating expenses including but not limited to salaries and consultant fees
- Awards to individuals, including fellowships, travel, study, research and camps
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Political organizations or political action committees for political purposes
- Endowments
- Specific scientific, medical or academic research
- Annual fundraising campaigns from existing organizations or dues
- Reimbursement of prior expenditures or to eliminate debt
- Recurring expenses such as routine computer software or hardware updates
- Vehicles
- Service organizations or Booster clubs
- Projects and community services that taxpayers support or are expected to support, such as schools and fire and safety equipment
- National organizations
- Returning applicants who did not complete their previous grant requirements
- Requests do not exceed \$2,000

In addition, you should not include Foundation funding in your budget as a yearly source of income or continue to submit grant applications for the same program/project, year after year.

To discuss your grant request, contact the Executive Director or Program Officer, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 740-654-8451.