

# Endowment Account

Community Fund Management Foundation (“CFMF”) administers an Endowment Account for the purpose of providing relief to the poor and distressed, lessening the burdens of government, and promoting health and education. As a result, CFMF accepts individual grant requests from people with disabilities. CFMF also accepts grant requests from nonprofit organizations that provide direct services or improve access to services for people with disabilities.

To qualify, an individual applicant, or his or her guardian or CFMF designated advocate, must demonstrate that he or she is aged, blind, or disabled as defined by 42 U.S.C. 1382c(a). An organization submitting an application must be tax exempt pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3).

## **Hardship/Emergent Needs Grant for Individuals**

This grant is for individuals who seek relief from a hardship or assistance with an emergent need.

- An individual, or his/her court-appointed guardian or CFMF designated advocate on behalf of the individual, may submit an application for this grant.
- The individual applicant, or his or her guardian or designated advocate, must demonstrate that the individual is aged, blind, or disabled as defined by 42 U.S.C. 1382c(a).
- The applicant must demonstrate the need for financial support to purchase an item or service and have no alternative resource to pay for it.
- While an individual may submit multiple applications for multiple grants, a lifetime maximum of \$1,500 per individual applicant will be imposed.

## **Educational Assistance Grant for Individual/Family Member**

This grant is for individuals who wish to apply for the cost of tuition and/or travel expenses to attend an educational program, including but not limited to, a seminar, school, or continuing education program.

- An individual, or his/her guardian or designated advocate on behalf of the individual, may submit an application for this grant.
- The person attending the educational program must be:
  - Aged, blind, or disabled as defined by 42 U.S.C. 1382c(a);
  - The parent, immediate family member, or court-appointed guardian of person or estate of an individual who is aged, blind, or disabled as defined by 42 U.S.C. 1382c(a); or
  - The designated advocate for a beneficiary of a CFMF trust.
- While an individual may submit multiple applications for multiple grants, a lifetime maximum of \$1,500 per individual applicant will be imposed.

## **Grant for Nonprofit Organizations**

This grant is for organizations that provide direct services or improve access to services for people with disabilities. To qualify, the recipient entity must be tax exempt pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) and demonstrate that it has a policy confirming it will not unlawfully

discriminate in its employment practices, volunteer opportunities, or the delivery of programs or services, on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin, age, medical condition, disability, veteran status, marital status, or sexual orientation.

- The application must be submitted by an officer of the organization.
- The reason for the grant may include, but is not limited to, expansion of services, training, purchase of equipment such as a wheelchair accessible van for transporting clients, remodeling of the organization's office to allow for greater accessibility, or software that will enable the organization to provide more efficient services. A grant will not be awarded for expenses that may be categorized as typical operating expenses or overhead, including but not limited to, payment of rent, property taxes, or employees' salaries.
- While a qualifying organization may submit multiple applications, the combined value of all grant(s) awarded to the same organization shall not exceed \$20,000.

## **HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT**

Download the application form at [www.cfmf.org](http://www.cfmf.org) or contact the CFMF Administrative Office at 216/736-4540 to request a copy be provided by mail or email.

Completed applications should be sent to CFMF's Administrative office via regular mail or fax:

**Community Fund Management Foundation  
Attn: Endowment Committee  
14955 W. Sprague Road  
Suite 290  
Strongsville, OH 44136  
Phone: 216/ 736-4540  
Fax: 216/ 867-9783**

All applicants will receive a confirmation letter when the application is received by CFMF. Incomplete applications will be returned if the sender's information can be identified.

## **WHEN TO APPLY**

Applications may be sent to CFMF at any time.

## **GRANT REVIEW PROCESS**

CFMF shall review each submitted Application on at least a quarterly basis; specifically, March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. Each grant request is reviewed to verify it meets the requirements. All applicants shall be notified of the approval or denial of its application within thirty (30) days from the end of the quarter in which it was received by CFMF.