Kendal Charitable Funds Promising Innovations
2016 Grant-Seeker Guidelines
April 2016

Please read the guidelines thoroughly before proceeding to the registration and online Letter of Intent forms, available via link at the end of these guidelines.

About the Promising Innovations Program of Kendal Charitable Funds
Our purpose is to support improvements in serving older adults that are reflective of a pioneering spirit in the field of aging. These grants are made possible through Kendal Charitable Funds, established in 1989 to raise and disburse monies in support of the charitable purposes of The Kendal Corporation and its affiliates, including many outreach efforts. As a system of not-for-profit communities, programs and services founded on the principles of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Kendal aspires to transform the experience of aging, guided by Kendal’s Values and Practices. Kendal affiliates work together within the Kendal System and with caring people outside of it to transform our culture’s view of aging and of older persons, stressing the potential for fulfillment and continuing contribution during the later stages of life.

Preferred grants for 2016 will respond to the following Request for Proposal:
Kendal Charitable Funds, via the Lloyd Lewis Fund for Promising Innovations, is seeking ideas that can enhance the lives of an aging population through services and research. We are interested in developing new understandings and awareness of issues and opportunities in support of this initiative. We will give priority to projects that have significant potential for change and replication.

The proposed project must focus on the following topic:

Proposals that identify and effectively respond to challenges faced by individuals aging in place in rural areas.
Many rural communities have significant numbers of individuals who are 65 and older.
They face issues arising from their relative isolation and limited community infrastructure:
availability of healthcare and social services, access to shopping and transportation, maintenance of social connectedness, and others.

We are interested in new initiatives to serve these individuals in addition to building on current programs. Linkages and collaborations hold special appeal.

"The terms ‘rural’ and ‘rural area’ are being defined as any open county, place, town, village, or city which is not part of or associated with an urban area and which has a population not in excess of 5,000 inhabitants." (The Washington Post; June 2013)
Procedures and Policies

Grants will not normally exceed $25,000. Several smaller requests may be granted rather than 1 or 2 larger ones. The grant will normally be for one year. Kendal Charitable Funds encourages collaboration.

All Letters of Intent will be reviewed by June 13, indicating our level of interest in your project and authorizing you to proceed with preparation of a full grant application. Proposals accepted for application must be completed by 11:59pm (Eastern) August 5. No prior experience as a grant recipient is required. Applications will not be accepted without a preliminary letter of intent accepted by Kendal Charitable Funds.

We will attempt to acknowledge receipt of each proposal within two weeks by email, to the project leader specified in the Letter of Intent. Final grant approval will be determined by the board of Kendal Charitable Funds in October and applicants notified no later than the week of November 7.

Kendal Charitable Funds has a standard online application. You will be granted access to the application and, when the letter of intent has been accepted, notified to move forward. You may include all attachments to complete the process online, submitting only when the application is complete. Your 501(c)(3) or 7871 status will be verified electronically. No DVDs, web links, photos, YouTube, or any other material will be accepted with the application.

Who May Apply

Organizations with an IRS section 501(c)(3) or 7871 status may apply. No request will be considered unless the organization’s 501(c)(3) or 7871 status is electronically verified.

Applications Which Will Not Be Considered

No grants will be made to institutions which, in policy or practice, discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender, or sexual orientation.

In order to concentrate funds on the types of programs identified, it is necessary to specify the kinds of projects we do not fund. These include but are not limited to: support of sectarian religious activities, individual grants, endowment or debt reduction, loans, fellowships, out-of-area-travel, proprietary enterprises, political lobbying or legislative activities.

Capital requests (defined as support for endowment, construction or equipment) are outside the guidelines of the Lloyd Lewis Fund for Promising Innovations and will not be considered.

Proposal Review and Grantee Responsibilities

Letters of Intent are initially reviewed to determine whether they fall within Kendal Charitable Funds’ grant parameters. Upon invitation, you may submit a full application. Please be succinct, since the online application limits applicants’ available space. Letters of intent will be accepted between April 22 and May 22, 2016. Click here for access to the grant application portal.

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