

Fiscal Year 2027 Grantmaking Frequently Asked Questions

Is the Foundation stopping grantmaking in FY27?

No. Grant dollars will continue to be distributed. The change is that there will not be an open competitive application process during this fiscal year.

Why is the competitive grant cycle not available in FY27?

The Foundation is conducting a comprehensive community needs assessment and reviewing how grantmaking aligns with strategic priorities. This one-year shift creates space to strengthen the program for the future.

Will any organizations receive funding in FY27?

Yes. Grants will be made through a structured internal process approved by the Board of Directors and informed by local committees, historical grantmaking patterns, and community priorities.

Can my organization submit a proposal or request funding?

No. There will not be an application process or proposal submissions during FY27.

Should we contact board members or advisory board volunteers to discuss funding?

No. Organizations are not expected to initiate outreach regarding grant decisions during this year.

What types of grants will be made?

Funding will focus primarily on general operating support to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations in alignment with charitable guidelines.

Will new organizations be considered?

The Foundation will use historical knowledge, community input, and needs assessment findings to inform decisions. The primary focus will be continuity of support for trusted nonprofit partners.

If an organization is selected to receive funding, when will they be notified?

Funding notification will be communicated by November 2026, and organizations will receive grant checks before the end of the 2026 calendar year.

Does this affect the Evansville Endowment Fund?

No. The Evansville Endowment Fund will continue its usual competitive grant cycle in 2027, as it operates separately from the Foundation's grants.

How can nonprofits stay engaged during this year?

Local organizations will be invited to share insight or participate in community listening opportunities connected to the needs assessment.

When will the next competitive grant cycle open?

The Foundation expects to launch a redesigned grant process in FY28 (July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028) and will communicate details well in advance.

Who should we contact with questions?

Informational sessions will be offered to explain the process and answer questions. You may select the session that best fits your schedule and/or your community service area.

Virtual Session Schedule:

- [Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. CST - Perry & Spencer](#)
- [Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | 1:00 p.m. EST - Daviess, Knox, & Pike](#)
- [Thursday, May 14, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. CST - Vanderburgh & Warrick](#)
- [Monday, May 18, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. CST - Gibson & Posey](#)

Organizations can contact Foundation staff for clarification. Updates will also be shared through regular communication channels.