

Oldham County Fiscal Court Grant Application Guidelines

Oldham County Fiscal Court accepts grant applications from non-profit, tax-exempt organizations which meet these criteria:

- Have a significant presence in Oldham County;
- Serve a public purpose in concert with the goals and activities of OCFC;
- Have the capacity to be accountable for use of donated funds;
- Show support from the majority of their clients/beneficiaries.

Funding categories

Arts and Humanities - activities which meet any or all of the following qualifications:

- Contribute to tourism in Oldham County;
- Conduct activity (e.g., record keeping) on behalf of Fiscal Court;
- Support community-wide celebrations;
- Encourage arts activity on the part of Oldham Countians;
- Play an educational role for Oldham Countians, particularly students.

Social Services - agencies which meet any or all of the following qualifications:

- Provide a needed service to disadvantaged Oldham Countians;
- Provide an emergency social service to Oldham Countians;
- Provide a social service not otherwise available to Oldham Countians.

Recreation - activities which meet any or all of the following qualifications:

- Serve Oldham County residents in facilities within the County;
- Activities are largely financially supported by the participants

Timing and Process

In order to process grant applications in a timely and efficient manner, OCFC has established the following schedule:

- Accept grant applications postmarked up to December 30 or the last work day of each year.
- In January, Committee members accept for review the compiled applications.
- In March, the Committee will convene to discuss their individual ratings.
- The Committee will make recommendations to the Fiscal Court for grant awards no later than the first Fiscal Court meeting in June.

Accountability

Any agency or organization requesting funds will be held to a high standard for reporting its current financial situation and its specific intention for use of requested funds. Moreover, any agency or organization requesting funds, and which has previously received a grant from OCFC, will be asked to report in detail on the use to which those funds were put.

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Grant Application**

Date of Application: 12/30/24

Official Name of Organization: Kiwanis Club of Oldham County

Address: __624 E Main Street, Lagrange KY 40031 (2nd floor, above HighPoint Ministries)

EIN: _____

Date and Place of Incorporation: _Charter night will occur January 13, 2025 at Third Turn Oldham Gardens

Name, Complete Address, Email and Phone Number of Contact Person:

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Crestwood, KY 40014

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Purpose of Organization or Mission Statement and Services Rendered: Kiwanis International's mission statement is to "improve the world one child and one community at a time". Their goal is to make a lasting difference in children's lives and to be a positive influence in communities worldwide.

Kiwanis International's values include:

- Prioritizing human and spiritual values over material values
- Living the Golden Rule in all relationships
- Promoting higher social, business, and professional standards
- Developing a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship
- Providing a way to form friendships, serve altruistically, and build better communities
- Cooperating to create and maintain public opinion and idealism that increases righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill

Kiwanis International's causes include: health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Proposal for funding. On a separate page, please provide the following:

Statement of need for project

Proposed use of funds to remediate the need

Project budget

Rationale for grant proposal:

Kiwanis Club of Oldham County is a brand new charitable organization. We are actually hosting our Charter Night on January 13, 2025 in order to receive our charter. Our membership is made up of a variety of members of our community: we have several local business owners, a County Magistrate, the director of tourism for the City of Lagrange, educators and school administrators. We are in the formation process, and have met in small sub committees in order to define our purpose and mission, and to set some goals for the year as we grow our membership.

One need that we are aware of is that Red Cross will be changing their ability to help local children for the holidays starting next year. As in, they are stopping their holiday assistance program altogether. Even though we are a new organization, we can see that this will have an impact on local children and families next year at this time. Additionally, members are interested in coordinating support for local church youth groups and area Family Resource Centers through local schools.

As we begin to fundraise and grow our membership, we are totally reliant at this time upon our own small donations of time or money. Our club balance right now is \$100 and our membership is 28 members—small, but mighty. As we plan charter night, for example, we are looking for individuals to provide cookies, paper products, decorations, etc. We are requesting this \$5,000 to help us to start to get the word out and grow membership. We would like to cooperate with local agencies to meet short term community needs and work together toward long term local sustainability. The grant would help us to begin with a variety of small projects aimed at growing our influence and local impact.

At this time, I don't have the IRS tax information letter, but we will be getting that soon, and will provide that as soon as we have it. Our President is Magistrate Kevin Woosley, and some of our other leadership members include Donna Sabo, Lagrange Tourism; Chandra and Steve Emerson, Champions Find a Way; Kyle Partin, Greg Harden, Mark Garman, Ashley Trippett, Karen Horton, Ursula Russell, as well as regional leadership from Kiwanis International. I'm not a grant writer and don't have much experience with financials, but talked with our local schools Family Resource Coordinator, Jessica Fleischer, about submitting this application, and we will gladly account for any funds awarded to our group.

Our new Facebook page can be found at the following address: <https://www.facebook.com/OldhamCountyKYKiwanis>

Thank you for your consideration!

Attachments:

List of Officers and Directors – Name, Office, Address, Business Affiliation, Compensation from Organization.

- Copy of 501c(3) tax-exempt status letter from IRS;
- Documentation for most recent form 990;
- Documentation for most recent filing with KY Secretary of State;
- Most recent Organization/Agency budget **summary**, or balance sheet, or income/expense statement (Please, no complete budgets!);
- If a recipient of funds for the prior year, a statement of the use of those funds;
- Photographs, videos, letters of support.

Submission Guidelines:

Email complete applications to: Becky Zocklein rzocklein@oldhamcountky.gov no later than 12/30/2024.