

2023 Community Grant Program
Overview of Funding Requests

Grant Review Committee Members:
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Applicant Information	Applicant Funding Request	Funding Request Overview	Funding Recommended for Award
FBC Gahanna	\$ 10,000.00	<p>We are desiring to grow fresh organic produce which would be distributed in partnership with GRIN like a free farmers market. This will help food insecure residents have access to fresh vegetables which are often very expensive. Funds to be used as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$700 - 2x330 Gal IBC Totes \$800 - 300 Gallon Watering Cart \$1,000 - Various Raised Planting Beds for (grow-a-salad) \$1,000 - 10ft X 12ft Greenhouse w/4 vents \$1,000 - 10ft X 10ft Metal Shed to store more equipment \$1,000 - Expand existing Compost System for increased output \$2,000 - Land Prep & Beautification \$2,500 - Purchase of additional plants, soils, nutrients 	\$ 5,000.00
Gahanna Ages and Abilities Partnership	\$ 5,000.00	<p>The Gahanna Ages and Abilities Partnership is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that operates the two.fifty.four Teen Center at 254 Agler Road in Gahanna. Our operations are currently funded by donations from individuals, and covers food/snacks, some part time staffing, an \$1800 monthly mortgage, and related facility costs. Our current funding levels limit the number of new programs and services we can offer our students, so we are requesting \$5000 to add more healthy snack options (fresh fruits and vegetables) and to purchase printing materials for our 3D printers and Cricut to support our student "Maker's" clubs.</p>	\$ 5,000.00
Gahanna Community Congregational Church	\$ 9,808.00	<p>This grant is an opportunity for our community garden to vastly improve accessibility for volunteers who have mobility challenges. We started our garden in late summer of 2019 and have been able to develop it in infrastructure and participation in the last few years. We partner with a number of people and organizations in the community, including Goodwill day groups who we work with weekly and regularly serve in the garden, and a number of elderly volunteers. Based on this participation, we have been developing accessible gardening plans as best as possible in the last year or so, starting with installing beds on stilts that are accessible to people using chairs, and require no bending down for people with other mobility challenges. However, we have not been able to do a lot to the terrain of the garden to make it more navigable for these participants. Being able to purchase and lay accessible surfacing of specially designed paneling will enable full participation for our range of volunteers, which also has the downstream impact of improving capacity for our garden donating its produce to GRIN to help food insecure people in our community.</p>	\$ 5,000.00
Gahanna Historical Society	\$ 40,000.00	<p>The grant will be used to provide an ADA ramp to the basement of the Clark House to accommodate all residents to programs and events held there. The entire grant will be used for the ADA accommodation.</p>	\$ -
Gahanna CVB	\$ 850.00	<p>Visit Gahanna is requesting funding to add an element to serve the Gahanna community during the existing 2023 Holiday Lights Celebration event (November 19, 2023). The element we are requesting funding are for ten (10) sensory calming kits for children with auditory/ sensory issues. The Gahanna Holiday Lights Celebration is a free, family focused event that occurs in Gahanna's Creekside District and is attended by approximately 4,800 adults from Gahanna and the surrounding area. The exact number of minors in attendance is unknown but it is estimated that an average of 2.47 persons per attending household come to the event (Data source: Placer.ai 2022). The Holiday Lights activities are a festive, locally-focused way for families to come and celebrate the Holiday season, and include a Santa processional, Tree Lighting Ceremony, local music and dancing, carriage rides, and arts and crafts. We encourage all families from Gahanna to attend but understand for families who have children who may be sensitive to stimulation or have other sensory issues, Holiday Lights can be over stimulating. To help those families attend and celebrate together, we would like to have 10 sensory kits available, free of charge, for families to borrow during the Holiday Lights event. These 10 kits are intended as a test run and cost of the materials for the kits make up 2.6% of the overall budget for Holiday Lights Event.</p>	\$ 850.00
Gahanna Residents In Need	\$ 21,270.00	<p>GRIN PROJECT - #MeetTheNeed. Project Goal: The goal of this project is to be able to accommodate the increased poundage of food (frozen meats, fresh produce and dairy products), needed on a weekly basis to provide the basic need of food to the Gahanna families in need. Project: This project is to acquire a walk-in freezer/cooler in our new space that will enable us to hold up to 100% more meat, dairy products and fresh produce than we currently can in our current facility. Through fundraising efforts and grant writing, GRIN will be moving in September, 2023 to a bigger facility to help us meet the capacity of needs seen in Gahanna concerning food insecurity. Project Budget: Indoor Expandable Walk-In Storage Cooler/Freezer Combo Freezer Cost / Installation-Main Fee - \$36,270.00 / \$5,000 Grants Acquired Mid-OH - \$10,000 Kroger Foundation - \$10,000 Total Funded - \$20,000 Total Cost - \$41,270 Total Funding Still Needed - \$21,270 Anticipated Funding - GRIN will be doing a fundraising campaign for our move, but it will not be including the cooler/freezer because there are so many other things that are needed.</p>	\$ 12,150.00

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Make Gahanna Yours	\$ 3,000.00	We will use these funds to power several of our projects. The first program is a bi-annual, city-wide litter clean up. Each spring and fall we recruit over 100 Gahanna residents to help pick-up litter in all corners of our city. We focus our efforts around the freeway entrance ramps, business plazas and highly trafficked streets. These efforts help to keep our city and its waterways free of litter and pollution and benefits all residents and businesses with a clean environment. The second program is a screening of The Polar Express movie complete with snacks and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. This movie experience is attended by many Gahanna families and adults, bringing holiday spirit and cheer to Gahanna. We patronize local business for our snacks and Santa and Mrs. Claus are played by Gahanna residents. We also have several students from Gahanna Lincoln High School who volunteer to help us run the screenings.	\$ 1,500.00
Three Creeks Church	\$ 10,000.00	In 2017, our church started the first Gahanna Gift Shop, a one-day Christmas store shopping experience for Gahanna families in need. We had 49 families in our first year. It has grown every year - and now we have many churches and community organizations who volunteer and donate gifts. We had 250 families shop in 2022 - and we expect that number to increase in December 2023! In short, we ask for donated gifts from churches and organizations. We try and gather 2000+ brand new gifts valued at \$20. Families sign up to shop and they pay \$2 for each gift they purchase. We turn around donate every dollar we raise back to our Gahanna Schools. It's a win, win, win for everyone involved. We don't struggle to gather volunteers. The word is out and we have no problem gathering shoppers. We struggle every year to get enough quality gifts. Our churches donate about 1200 gifts each year, so we need 800 more to make the store what we really want it to be. 800 more gifts at \$20 each is \$16,000. Any amount of grant money we're able to receive will go directly to making the 2023 Gift Shop the best one we've ever had, serving our Gahanna families!	\$ 2,500.00
Wynyki Alston Foundation	\$ 15,000.00	Grant Funds will be used to host three events in the Gahanna Community focused on Depression, Adolescent Stress, and Anxiety, and Suicide Prevention. Each event cost approximately \$6,000 to host 100 community members. 3,000 dollars per event will be grant funded dollars used to pay for Behavioral Health experts to participate in panel discussions and to allocate space for Community providers to bring resources for the community.	\$ 5,000.00
Youth Excellence	\$ 13,000.00	Grant funds will be used to fund two of the ten children in emotional, mentoring and prosocial transitional supports. YE programming and activities are projected to have a cost of \$6,000 per youth. We are budgeted for five children; however the school has requested assistance with 10 youth in total.	\$ 13,000.00
	\$ 127,928.00		\$ 50,000.00

Total allocation: \$ 50,000.00
Remaining allocation: \$ -

Notes:

John Hicks abstained from "Make Gahanna Yours" discussion
Jennifer Hackman abstained from "Gahanna CVB" discussion