

2025 Community Grant Program
 Round 2 Funding
 Overview of Funding Requests

Grant Review Committee Members:
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Applicant Information	Applicant Funding Request	Request Overview	Recommended Funding
Gahanna Ages and Abilities Partnership	\$1,000	"The grant fund will be broken down equally across our 27+ remaining sessions for the year, ensuring we have nutritious snacks available such as fresh fruit, cheese sticks, individual milks, trail mix packets, and protein bars."	\$500.00
Stonybrook United Methodist Church	\$2,000	"The core purpose of the Weekend Supplemental Food Program is to help alleviate food insecurity for Royal Manor Elementary school students. Every week during the school year, Stonybrook enlists members and friends to provide and pack bags with breakfast, lunch, and dinner foods for each child identified by the school counselor as in need. The number of students at the time of this application is forty. On Fridays a team picks the packed bags up from Stonybrook and delivers them to the Royal Manor Elementary School office. The previously identified students acquire the bags before returning to their homes on Friday afternoon."	\$750.00
Gahanna Community Congregational Church	\$7,000	"Over the last year and a half, our garden program has worked to find ways to extend our growing season and still get fresh produce to GRIN in the winter months. Through some other grants and partnership with GRIN, we were able to start using 2 hydroponic grow towers and a grow tent inside all year round to augment what we send to GRIN. The scale is still much smaller than what we're able to produce and deliver during the spring, summer and fall, but the need for food and the value of having as much fresh produce is possible is the same all year round. If received, these grant funds would be used to purchase more hydroponic towers to increase the amount of fresh produce that can be sent to GRIN, especially in months when outdoor gardens aren't able to produce."	\$0.00
Christian Center Church	\$12,000	"Used to purchase food that will be distributed from our food pantry. We serve 100 families or more every month who are experiencing food insecurities. We provide meats, canned goods, frozen meals, desserts, cereals for adults and children, breads, fresh vegetables, milk, and eggs. We are an established food pantry with a consistent cliental that we have served for over 40 years. Our pantry serves as a direct point of distribution within the Gahanna community. Helping to prevent hunger, improve health, and provide a sense of security to those in need with no judgement."	\$1,750.00
St. Matthew Charitable Works Ministry	\$15,000	"We operate a food pantry from our St Matthew church facilities in Gahanna. The 43230 zip code is our primary source of clients that come to our pantry. We provide a family that comes to our pantry with enough food to feed them for a week. The amount of food provided is unique to each family size."	\$5,000.00
Mothers in Arms	\$18,000	"City of Gahanna Community Grant funds would support Motherful's efforts to meet exploding demand for Food Pantry programming. Motherful would use Community Grant dollars to aid with distribution and to cover the salaries of single mother members who staff the pantry during working hours. The Food Pantry is open to Motherful members 3 days a week throughout the entire year and on Sundays for all single mothers in Gahanna. Motherful also delivers food boxes on Fridays to mothers with mobility issues and transportation challenges. Motherful members also volunteer to support and are provided \$25 stipends per shift to offset childcare and transportation costs, taking into account the barriers of single motherhood to volunteering. These stipends add up to approximately \$1200 per week total."	\$0.00
Gahanna Residents In Need	\$18,000	" Funding will be used to purchase pantry foods, thanksgiving meals, and christmas meals. Starting November 1, thousands of people lost their SNAP food benefits due to new state eligibility cuts. In addition to losing SNAP food benefits, a major company in the area is anticipating a layoff of hundreds of people, who will not be able to even apply for SNAP benefits. Even if the SNAP benefits are refunded, it will still take 30-60 days for the government to go through and adjust the amounts already lost by families for food. In Gahanna, multiple families, children, seniors and neighbors are facing cupboards, food insecurity. GRIN's food pantry is already seeing a 41% increase in food insecurity over the last few months, even before the defunding of SNAP."	\$10,000.00
Total Request	\$73,000		\$18,000.00
Total Funding Available/Remaining	\$0		