

Applicant Information	Applicant Funding Request	Funding Request Overview	Funding Recommended for Award
American Legion Post 797	\$ 10,000.00	If a grant is awarded, local homeless veterans, some potentially from the City of Gahanna will be provided food, shelter and new life opportunities with the goal of bringing more individuals to the currently struggling workforce.	\$ -
Creative Options	\$ 9,000.00	We are proposing to take over the seed library that is currently housed at the old car wash. We have been in contact with the current person who oversees it (Matt Roberson) and he has agreed to allow us to take it over as that area will be changing soon and the seed library will have no home. The project will be ongoing but what we really need the most is help with getting the things we need to start it up at a new location and to get the word out to community members. After that, the costs involved with it will be minimal.	\$ 7,000.00
Gahanna Ages and Abilities Partnership (254 Teen Center)	\$ 10,000.00	This grant will be used to add a dedicated area for basketball and upgrade recreational equipment to make the physical dimension of student social interaction more consistently accessible at 254 Teen Center. We currently use the patio for basketball with a residential-quality basketball hoop. The equipment is often in need of repair, and the high traffic around the patio has left the surrounding grass eroding and not suitable for use when wet. Volleyball and badminton are also popular and we need to upgrade that equipment as well. Our gagaball pit is too small and is used infrequently as a result.	\$ 10,000.00
Gahanna Community Congregational Church	\$ 3,000.00	We are applying for funds to support expanding the capacity of our weekly program serving adults with disabilities in partnership with Goodwill Industries. We started this program with volunteer opportunities every so often in our community garden a few years ago, and with volunteer support and interest in the opportunities spreading amongst Goodwill day groups, we have expanded to a weekly program serving an average of 24 adults with developmental disabilities, often getting over 30, and special events serving as many as 80 participants. The activities we do always prioritize social/emotional development for the participants, and we also provide activities that support vocational and life skills development that is relevant to each participant's developmental level when we can. As the partnership and relationships have grown, we have run up against opportunities to expand how this program operates that go beyond the existing capacity of our church. In recent years, we have stretched a very tight church budget to assign \$300 per year from our \$1000 of Home Missions funding for simple program expenses like craft materials and snacks, and the program is able to go beyond that with in kind donations from volunteers and supporters, and occasional support from the very limited money budgeted for the day group activities by Goodwill. However, Goodwill staff have recently been requesting the possibility of expanding our availability to host programming they would like to do for the participants, and opportunities to be more ambitious and substantive with vocational and life skills development have been identified but involve costs for materials and programming we aren't able to cover. We plan to use the grant funds to enable the expansion of the Goodwill program to meet those needs and opportunities. That will create new opportunities for our program participants in how they are able to develop, and it will also have impact on other Gahanna organizations, businesses, and individuals because the overall goal of Goodwill is to maximize the capacity of their participants to be active in their communities. As their skills and capacity grow, participants are steered towards having more integrated community presence, volunteering with local non-profits, and applying for jobs that match their skill sets. Working towards those outcomes is where we want to be able to put more effort and investment. These grant funds would enable us to do so.	\$ 3,000.00
Gahanna Foundation	\$ 9,700.00	To boost registered voters and election participation in Gahanna	\$ -
Gahanna Historical Society	\$ 4,000.00	We have two activities planned for 2024 for which we are seeking funding. The first interactive program shows how the early residents of Gahanna lived. It brings farm animals to our site so people can see a vital part life in the 1800's. It provides activites that were common in the early days of Gahanna history. This will be the second year for this event. The second event is in December is also interactive and will highlight crafts and traditions of a Victorian Christmas. This will be the third year for this event.	\$ 2,600.00
Gahanna Residents In Need (GRIN)	\$ 25,000.00	1) GRIN will be able to provide food any time of the day or night and be able to also offer food at other sites. 2) Without food security, it is hard for people to work and/or go to school and concentrate and learn. 3) By providing lockers for food donations, it would create a more aesthetic look around the food pantry, but yet provide the necessary food items people are in need of and they will not have to wait. 4) The project will also address the number of high school students struggling with food insecurity and the amount of shame associated with receiving and asking for help. Being able to secure food when they are in need will help them be more food secure.	\$ 12,500.00
GLHS - Kiwanis Club	\$ 5,000.00	The project purpose is to create a statue that will contain 6 million paperclips to represent the 6 million people that died during the holocaust.	\$ 2,000.00
Help I Need Transportation (HINT)	\$ 20,000.00	HINT will be using the Community Grant to assist in directly impacting residents and businesses by assisting in providing the gift of transportation and or vehicle repairs to residents in need that meet the organization’s qualifications and requirements.	\$ 5,000.00
Make Gahanna Yours	\$ 3,000.00	Litter Clean-Up Budget: - T-shirts: \$1000 - Trash bags: \$70 - Gloves: \$30 - Litter Pickers: \$300 - Online Advertising and Website support: \$100 Total: \$1,500 Polar Express Budget: - Movie Rights: \$600 - Rental Space: \$500 - Cookies:\$60 - Hot Cocoa Mix: \$75 - Cups:\$40 - Napkins:\$10 - Decorations: \$115 - Onlines Advertising and Website support: \$100 Total: \$1,500	\$ 3,000.00
Mothers In Arms (Motherful)	\$ 25,000.00	City of Gahanna Community Grant funds would allow Motherful, which now has over 500 single mother families, to grow its vital programming in 2024. The need for Resource Garage and Food Pantry programming continues to grow year after year. With a growth rate of 50-100% each year of operation, Motherful’s membership is projected to reach 700 single mother families by the end of 2024. Motherful requires multi-year funding in order to meet the growing demands of an expanding member base. Motherful would use Community Grant dollars to aid with distribution and partially support the salary of a part-time Resource Garage and Food Pantry Manager who would dedicate their efforts to bolstering food security for single mothers and their families. Some of those dollars would also be used as program incentives for single mothers who staff the pantry during hours of operation.	\$ -

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Neighborhood Bridges - Gahanna	\$ 15,000.00	To help us fill needs in a timely manner that are identified. We seek to deepen our impact by working strategically with school counselors and social workers to help us serve more students/families in need.	\$ 15,000.00
Olde Gahanna Sanctuary	\$ 22,000.00	The Gahanna Sanctuary is a beloved historic landmark in Gahanna. It currently operates as a non-profit event venue, and intends to utilize the Community Grant funds to directly enrich the lives of residents and businesses in Gahanna by preserving its historic charm, fostering cultural engagement, and providing a vibrant space for gatherings, events, and creative collaborations within the community. Funding received through this grant program will be utilized to restore and replace the beautiful stained glass windows throughout the building, currently in desperate need of maintenance.	\$ -
Parks and Recreation Foundation	\$ 20,000.00	If awarded, the grant funds will be utilized to fund the installation of four communication boards at select city of Gahanna parks. A communication board is an augmentative and alternative communication aid benefiting nonspeaking or minimally speaking individuals. The project is a partnership with the Gahanna Jefferson schools, Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation the Gahanna Parks and Recreation Foundation and ultimately, the City of Gahanna. Through partnership with multiple agencies and the continued need for inclusive resources, there is potential to expand the program and add more communication boards throughout the Gahanna community. Specifically, the Gahanna Jefferson school district has expressed interest in installation of communication boards on education campuses.	\$ 10,000.00
Stonybrook United Methodist Church	\$ 10,519.00	The Community Grant funding, when allocated for the completion of an additional fully accessible walkway from the Stonybrook United Methodist Church property to the connecting bridge of the Big Walnut Trail, will have a direct and significant impact on both residents and businesses, enhancing the wellness and accessibility of the entire community. Hundreds of residents annually cross over into our parking lot and access the Big Walnut Trail on the south side of our property. Currently, the walkway is compacted with crushed stone and gravel, which makes it challenging for those with mobility issues to navigate. There is also ample parking near this walkway access.	\$ 8,400.00
Three Creeks Church - Request #1	\$ 2,500.00	Our church is currently in the process of purchasing a community center / event space / church office building in Gahanna. It will be located down in Creekside. We'd like to dedicate one of the storage rooms on the first floor to an initiative we're calling "Diapers and Wipes" - which will be a place for mothers in need to get free diapers and wipes for their children.	\$ -
Three Creeks Church - Request #2	\$ 5,000.00	In December 2024, we'll be hosting our 8th Annual Gahanna Gift Shop - which is a one-day Christmas store for families in need in Gahanna. In 2023, over 18,000 toys were donated, 249 families shopped for toys, 150 volunteers served at the event, and over \$3,000 was donated back to our Gahanna schools.	\$ 2,500.00
Veterans of Foreign Wars - Tri Community Post 4719	\$ 10,000.00	The funding received will be used for the following: (1) Approximately \$2,500 of the funds received will be used to supplement the funding we provided in support of Gahanna High School students selected to attend Boys/Girls State, and for college scholarships provided to selected band members and winners of our orator contest. (2) Approximately \$1,500 of the funds will be used to support Gahanna Veteran families that need supplemental emergency funding. (3) Approximately \$1,000 will be used to support transportation and food costs for our members that support Gahanna community events such as speaking at local schools about their service, participating in various parades, Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations and holding guest speaker events (example is 911 commemoration). (4) Approximately \$3,500 would be used to supplement the funding of our Friday dinners and Sunday breakfasts provided to the community.	\$ 5,000.00
Wyniki Alston Foundation	\$ 100,000.00	Through the Wyniki Foundation's SAVE Our Youth Project, funds will be used to directly impact residents and businesses in Gahanna through the implementation of multiple strategies to increase the ability of the community, families, and youth to prevent and respond to mental health issues impacting quality of life, including suicide and other related factors (i.e. substance misuse, bullying, juvenile violence, trauma). Funds will also be used to establish a Youth Advisory Board comprised of City youth, ages 12-17, to assist in developing and implementing project activities and provide evidence-based Youth Mental Health First Aid training to adults providing youth services	\$ 12,000.00
YMCA	\$ 4,000.00	The funds will be used in support of Healthy Kids Day on April 20th. The purpose of the event is to educate and support the community in areas such as physical health and well being, mental health and overall healthy living. The event includes both educational, informative and fun activities that cover topics such as oral health, healthy eating, creativity, community resources focused on those in need and information for community members from other countries who are trying to navigate support within the community.	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 312,719.00		\$ 100,000.00

Total allocation: \$ 100,000.00

Remaining allocation: \$ -

Notes: John Hicks abstained from Gahanna Foundation and Olde Gahanna Sanctuary\*