



DeKalb County Community Foundation

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Promise Fund/El Fondo la Promesa Grant Guidelines and Requirements

The Promise Fund is an endowment fund with the DeKalb County Community Foundation, which invests gifts and makes annual distributions to charitable and community organizations that provide services to underserved populations within DeKalb County. The Promise Fund was developed to inspire the community to help make a difference for those underserved in DeKalb County.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Agencies operating as a 501 (c) 3 / non profit entity in DeKalb County, specifically those agencies serving an underserved population with specific or one-time needs.
2. School Districts, schools or education facilities
3. Churches and church-related groups if proposed program is not religious in nature and does not require a religious commitment to participate

APPLICATION REVIEW DEADLINES

Applications for The Promise Fund may be submitted at any time. The Promise Fund Distribution Committee will review and consider all applications received by November 1 of each year. Please plan your projects and request for a Promise Fund Grant being mindful of other funding opportunities and deadlines.

GRANTMAKING PRIORITIES

Proposed projects will be reviewed on the basis of the following priorities:

- Increasing participation of underserved population in the center of community life
- Developing leadership in marginalized populations
- Increasing understanding and tolerance
- Raising educational levels and enhancing the quality of life
- Strengthen churches and other social institutions with the capacity to transform community perspectives

PROJECTS GENERALLY NOT FUNDED

- Religious purposes (however, grants can be given to religious organizations for non-religious purposes, or facilities such as day-care centers that have non-profit status independent from a sponsoring church or religious organization)
- Purchase of advertising
- Capital or operation debt reduction
- Any political campaign or to support attempts to influence legislative issues of any government body
- Financial support to specific individuals

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

Organizations must submit a Promise Fund Grant Application, available as a downloadable word document from the Community Foundation website (www.dekalbcountyfoundation.org) or as a hard copy from the Foundation office. The application and required attachments are due to the Community Foundation by November 1 in order to be considered for funding that year. Grant applications may be submitted by email or hard copy. Grant decisions are generally made within one month of the application deadline and applicants are notified in writing or by phone.

DCCF staff and/or Promise Fund Committee members may contact applicants for further information. The DeKalb County Community Foundation operates without discrimination as to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and national origin.

GRANT REPORTING

A final Promise Fund Grant Report is required to be completed and submitted to the DeKalb County Community Foundation upon completion of the grant purposes. The report is available on the Community Foundation's website.