



Grant Services

The Greater Horizons' team specializes in providing grant services to individual donors, supporting organizations, external private foundations and corporate partners for various levels of philanthropic giving. We will ensure that your charitable investment provides you with the greatest emotional, civic and financial benefit possible.

The following is a brief description of the general categories of our grant services:

Vision and Strategy Development

Greater Horizons works directly with your family, corporation or foundation to develop or update the purpose of your charitable giving, as well as identify and prioritize your areas of interest. Based on what is important to you, we highlight community issues and help you formulate strategies to respond to these needs. In addition, we provide ongoing evaluations of your funding and ensure that the intent of the original donor(s) is being fulfilled.

Grant-making Activities

Through a grant-making process customized for you, Greater Horizons will manage the day-to-day activities of your charitable giving by providing a wide range of services that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Field phone calls and correspondence from grant seekers
- Identify qualified and appropriate applicants
- Receive and review all grant requests
- Make site visits when appropriate to examine program concept or agency capabilities
- Maintain a database of all grant requests, grant awards and status
- Determine if a gift will qualify as a charitable contribution
- Assist grantees individually in developing and refining grant requests
- Prepare written grant recommendations

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- Prepare and send award letters (including formal terms and conditions agreement, payment schedule and reporting procedures) and notify those whose proposals are denied
- Process and verify grant payments

Grantee Accountability

The purpose of grantee accountability is to ensure that your grant dollars are being used for their intended purpose and are having an impact in the community. We provide accountability oversight in the following ways:

- Maintain a grant-reporting schedule for each grantee
- Notify grantees of the need to submit reports
- Monitor progress of grants and make site visits when required
- Report on any deviations in grant use, problems or recommendations for termination because of misuse of grant funds
- Provide technical assistance and/or troubleshooting on grants experiencing difficulty
- Prepare written annual evaluations of major grant projects (based on information provided by grantees or by outside evaluators hired to monitor programs)

Grant services are available on a contractual basis. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Brenda Chumley, executive director, at (866) 627-3440 or chumley@greaterhorizons.org.