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# McKeesport Community Fund Information Session

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# About the McKeesport Community Fund



- The McKeesport Community Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation was established in 2017 by Trulieve as part of Trulieve's commitment to fostering the well-being of the community and giving a portion of revenue back to the community to support revitalization.



# McKeesport Community Fund Mission

**The McKeesport Community Fund will provide monetary resources to support public 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that are located in McKeesport and/or serve 70% of McKeesport residents, that focus on:**

- Education and job training.
- At-risk and special needs youth.
- Anti-violence initiatives.
- Expungement programs.
- Projects to improve infrastructure.
- Removing blight.
- Affordable housing.
- Local entrepreneurship.
- Economic development.
- Drug treatment and sober living.
- Support services focused on the qualifying conditions under Act 16 and healthcare assistance.



# Application timeline

Subject to change.



# August



- Nonprofits invited to apply.
- Application opens **Aug. 18.**

# September



- Webinar for applicants **Sept. 10.**
- Applications are due **Sept. 26.**

# Oct. – Nov.



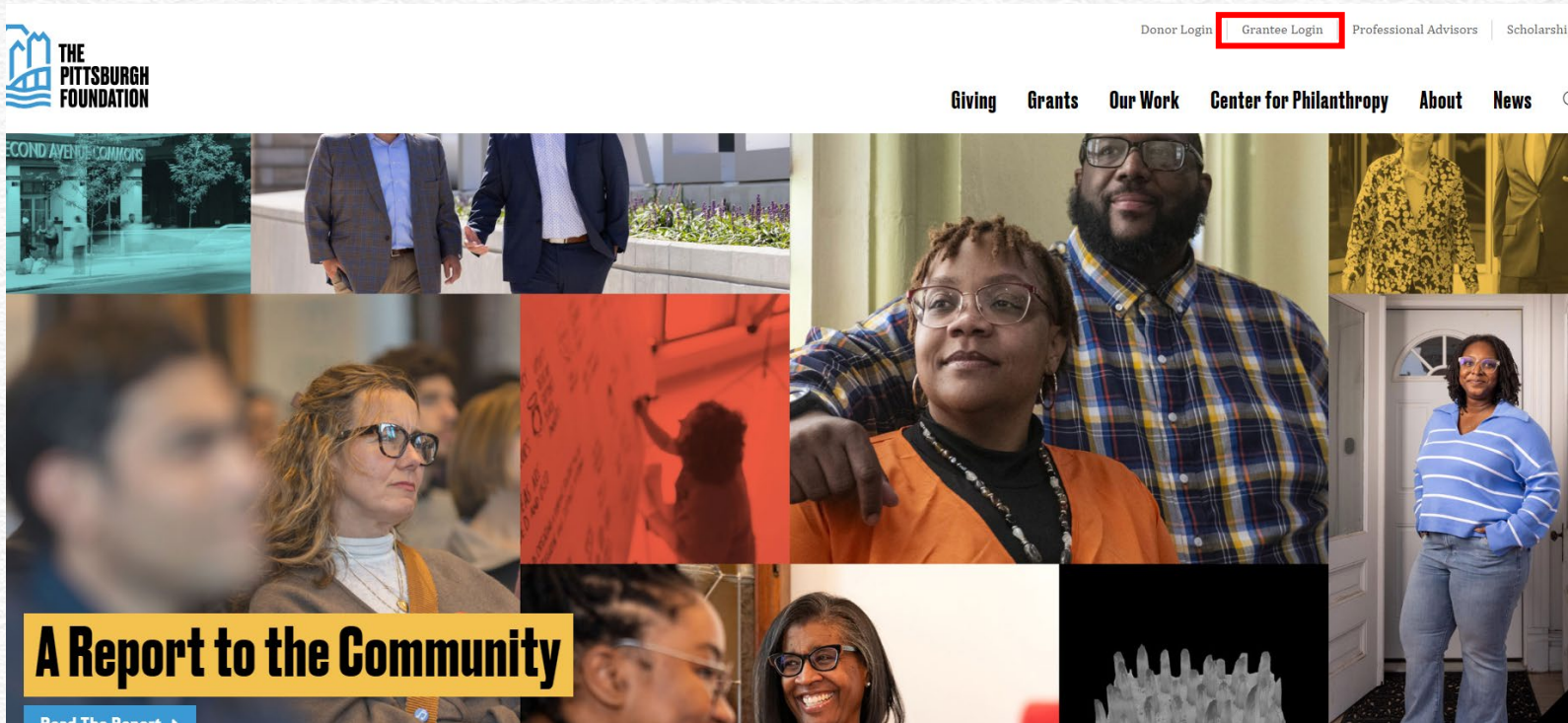
- Committee meets to select grantees.
- Nonprofits are notified of decision.
- Grants are paid.



# Accessing the application




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- Opened Aug. 18.
- Hosted in Foundant, the Foundation's online grant application portal.
- Accessible via:  
*The link in the McKeesport Community Fund announcement email.*  
*The "Grantee Login" button located at the top of <https://pittsburghfoundation.org>.*



# Accessing the application



## Logon

**Email Address\***

**Password\***

[Forgot your Password?](#)

**Welcome to the Pittsburgh Foundation's online grant system.**

This portal services grantee submissions to The Pittsburgh Foundation and its affiliates, The Forbes Funds, Greater Pittsburgh Non-profit Partnership and The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County.

**New Users:** Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your user credentials.

**Existing Users:** Please enter your credentials and log in.

**Not Sure?** If you think that you or someone at your organization has already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact Emily Rousseau at [rousseau@pghfdn.org](mailto:rousseau@pghfdn.org) to verify your account status.

**Scholarship Applicants:** If you are applying for a scholarship please click [here](#) to be redirected to our scholarship portal.

- You must have a login to access the application.
- Applications will only be accepted online.
- If you have technical difficulties, please email [belonusk@pghfdn.org](mailto:belonusk@pghfdn.org).



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The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with logos for 'THE PITTSBURGH FOUNDATION' and 'The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County'. A red box highlights an 'APPLY' button with a document icon. To the right of the navigation bar is a user profile for 'Jennifer Steinmetz'. Below the navigation bar, there is a sidebar with two main sections: 'ASSIGNED TO YOU (0)' and 'UPCOMING (0)'. The 'UPCOMING (0)' section is currently selected, and a 'SEE OPPORTUNITIES' button is visible above it. The main content area is titled 'Pets Today' and features a search bar. Below the title, there are three expandable sections: 'Action Needed (0)', 'No Action (0)', and 'Completed (0) | Historical (9)'. Each section has an upward-pointing arrow icon to its left.

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Jennifer Steinmetz

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- Scroll until you find “2025 The McKeesport Community Fund – Fall Cycle” and click on the “Apply” button.

The screenshot displays a web application interface for nonprofits. At the top, there is a navigation bar with logos for 'THE PITTSBURGH FOUNDATION' and 'The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County', a home icon, and an 'APPLY' button. A user profile for 'Jennifer Steinmetz' is visible in the top right corner. The main content area features a grid of application cards. The first card is partially visible, showing a green checkmark and the word 'Eligible'. The second card, '2025 The McKeesport Community Fund - Fall Cycle', is highlighted with a red box around its 'Apply' button. This card includes a description of the fund's mission to support public 501(c)3 nonprofits in McKeesport, a 'See More' link, a calendar icon, and a 'Closes 09/26/2025' date. The third card, '2025 Indiana County Endowment Grant Application', also shows a 'See More' link, a calendar icon, and a 'Closes 08/30/2025' date. Both the second and third cards have 'Preview' and 'Apply' buttons at the bottom right.

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APPLY

Jennifer Steinmetz

information about nonprofits that align with their interests to assist them in carrying out their charitable giving.

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✓ Eligible

2025 The McKeesport Community Fund - Fall Cycle

**The McKeesport Community Fund's** mission is to support public 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations that are located in and/or provide at least 70% of its services to McKeesport residents, that focus on the following: education and job training, at-risk and special needs youth, anti-violence initiatives, expungement programs, projects to improve infrastructure, remove blight, affordable housing, local entrepreneurship, economic development, drug treatment and sober living, support

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Closes 09/26/2025

Preview Apply

2025 Indiana County Endowment Grant Application

The mission of the Indiana County Endowment (ICE) is to meet needs in Indiana County by providing grants to qualified nonprofit organizations. ICE recognizes that community organizations require assistance with programs, products, and approaches in order to meet demonstrated cultural, ecological, social, educational, recreational and economic needs. ICE encourages programs that will enrich the community, encouraging both individuals and organizations to develop creative

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Closes 08/30/2025

Preview Apply



**APPLICATIONS ARE  
DUE Sept. 26, 2025,  
AT 5:00 P.M.**



# Criteria



# Criteria for eligibility



- Must have a current public 501(c)(3) status. Entities without a 501(c)(3) status can contact [belonusk@pghfdn.org](mailto:belonusk@pghfdn.org) for assistance locating a potential fiscal sponsor.
- Only one request can be submitted per organization.
- Funding amount may be between \$5,000 to \$15,000.
- Full funding is not guaranteed.
- Organization must be located in and serving the McKeesport community or provide at least 70% of services to McKeesport residents and its environs (zip codes 15132 or 15134).



# Fiscal Sponsorships

**The Pittsburgh Foundation can only pay grants to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations (including churches) or to a public entity such as a municipality, public school or state agency. All others will need to use a fiscal sponsor.**

- Fiscal sponsorship is a relationship in which an unincorporated group or project seeking to carry out charitable activities affiliates with an existing 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that shares a compatible mission.
- The most common model, “preapproved grant relationship,” involves the fiscal sponsor receiving and managing funds on behalf of the project.



# Fiscal Sponsorships

## Examples of acceptable fiscal sponsorship organizations

- 501(c)(3) nonprofits.
  - New Sun Rising.
  - The Pittsburgh Contingency.
  - POISE.
  - Pittsburgh Filmmakers/Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.
- Churches.

## Examples of unacceptable fiscal sponsorship organizations

- For-profit organizations.
- Private foundations.
- Fraternal beneficiary societies. (Elks, Wolves, Rotary)
- Business leagues, etc.
- Social and recreation clubs.



## Criteria for eligibility

- Grants may support events or small capital projects that support the mission of the Fund. Examples of capital needs include building materials, technology or recreational equipment, appliances, and/or the labor needed for the improvements.
- Grants may also support a project that supports the mission of the nonprofit or the fund, including piloting new services, expanding an existing service, or fulfilling a temporary need that has a timed beginning and end.



# Question List



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- Eligibility Requirement - Service Area.
- Is your organization a 501(c)3?
  - Name of fiscal sponsor.
  - Fiscal sponsor's federal id number.
  - Fiscal sponsor contact.
  - Fiscal sponsor contact email.
- Operating budget upload.
- Project budget upload.
- Budget methodology.
- Organizational mission.
- Project name.
- Amount requested.
- Description of project.
- Overall population served.
- Payment information.
- Publicity.
- Reporting commitment.





# Application Tips

- Fully, but briefly describe your organization:
  - Who you are, what you do/services offered, areas of impact.
  - What makes your organization special?
  - Is there a standout program you'd like to highlight?
- Be clear about process.
- Avoid one sentence or vague descriptions.
- You are passionate about your organization – help the committee feel that passion too!



# Foundation-directed grantmaking



- **Foundation-directed** grants are funds that are directed by the Foundation and its Program department.

*This includes the Foundation's traditional grant process and some of its special initiatives.*

*Information on foundation-directed grantmaking can be found at <https://pittsburghfoundation.org/grants>.*



# Donor-directed grantmaking



- **Donor-directed** grants are influenced by the advisors on donor funds, such as donor-advised funds.  
*You cannot solicit donor-directed funding.*
- The McKeesport Community Fund is a donor-directed grant process and does **not** interfere with foundation-directed grantmaking opportunities.

Reverend Ed Bowen is watching second-grade students learn on an Activ Table. The table has a touch screen surface and was acquired with the help of Rev. Bowen, who lost his battle with cancer in Dec. 2016.



# Questions



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