

ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINES



Eligibility Criteria

Nonprofit Status: Applicants must be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Geographic Focus: Organizations should serve communities near Old Scratch Pizza's locations, with a preference for local nonprofits directly impacting Dayton and the Miami Valley's surrounding areas.

Program Focus: Eligible nonprofits should focus on one or more of the six key service areas: Addiction Services, Food Insecurity, Education, Housing Insecurity, Animal Welfare, and Human Equality.

Impact Scope: Preference is given to small-to-medium-sized nonprofits where our grant can provide substantial support.

Grant Requirements

Application Period: Applications are accepted December 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026 only. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Use of Funds: Grants may be used for general operating costs, special projects, program expansions, capital improvements, or capacity building.

Final Report: Grantees must complete a survey quarterly to track the grant fund's impact and use. A Final Report will be due one year after the grant cycle begins. Failure to submit this report may result in ineligibility for future grants.

Application Confirmation: Applicants will receive an email confirmation upon successful submission. Decisions will be announced end of February, 2026.

Project Timeline: Funded projects should ideally start within the year the grant is awarded and be completed within 12 months, to show timely impact.

Additional Considerations

Non-Discrimination Policy: Cones for a Cause does not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic background, or abilities. Organizations must demonstrate a commitment to equity and inclusion in their work.

Applications that will not be considered:

Public or private schools
Individuals, scholarships, travel
Sectarian/religious organizations
Special events
Fundraising drives
Political activities
Endowment funds
Hospitals or universities for internal programming
Matching grants