

**Request for Proposals
The Central Ohio Primary Care Foundation
of The Columbus Foundation
Spring 2008**

The Central Ohio Primary Care Foundation (COPCF) of The Columbus Foundation requests proposals from nonprofit organizations to support COPCF's mission to promote the overall physical and emotional health of the central Ohio community.

COPCF was recently formed by Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians, Inc., a medical group comprised of 170 internal medicine physicians, pediatricians, family physicians, endocrinologists, and infectious disease physicians with 39 practices located in Franklin and Union counties.

Grantmaking Priorities

A new foundation, COPCF's initial grantmaking priorities are the following: access to prescriptions; family shelters; food pantries (nutrition emphasis); mental health; screenings for the uninsured; and grants recommended by Central Ohio Primary Care physicians. Competitive grant proposals will be projects that advance one of these grantmaking priorities. Requests may include operating expenses, program support, and pilot or start-up project funding. Requests may not exceed \$10,000.

Grant Eligibility

To be eligible for a COPCF grant, an organization must be designated a 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code, or have an appropriate fiscal agent which has been designated a qualified 501(c)(3) organization.

Application Requirements

1. Application Narrative (*not to exceed three pages*):
 - a. Brief statement about your organization.
 - b. The program or project to be fund.
 - c. The dollar amount requested.
 - d. Budget describing the proposed use of the funds (if awarded).
 - e. Other funders (and amounts) supporting the same program or project.
2. Copy of the applicant's 501(c)(3) determination letter.
3. Copy of the applicant's board of directors.

Criteria

COPCF will use the following questions when reviewing applications:

1. Is the application complete?
2. Are the goals and objectives clear?
3. Is the budget projection realistic?
4. Does the applicant have the financial and community stability to successfully implement the project?

5. Does the applicant have a governance structure that provides for appropriate levels of accountability to the organization's constituents, its staff, its board, its funders, and the community?

How to Apply and Questions

Applications must be sent electronically to the Central Ohio Primary Care Foundation (COPCF) of The Columbus Foundation, to the attention of Dr. Lisa Courtice, Vice President, Community Research and Grants Management, The Columbus Foundation, lcourtic@columbusfoundation.org. Please direct any questions to Dr. Courtice at this email or by calling 251-4000.

Faxed or mailed submissions will not be accepted.

Applications must be received online at lcourtic@columbusfoundation.org by 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, March 28, 2008.

Mission

The Central Ohio Primary Care Foundation is dedicated to encouraging and financially supporting nonprofit organizations that promote the overall physical and emotional health of the central Ohio community.