

Spring/Summer 2022



2022 WCCF Board Members



L-R, Sara Lou Binau, Laurie Vent, Jean Gottfried. Middle, Darren Frank, Elaine Tschanen, Mary Fox. Back, Dan Harris, Rodney Gilliland, Jerry Taylor, John Hall, & Tom Creger.

WCCF Board of Trustees Investigates Hiring A Part-time Executive Director

The need for a part-time executive director has been a topic of discussion for the WCCF Board of Trustees in the past year. The board used a Strategic Planning Process lead by Mary Fox to evaluate the progress and direction of the Foundation.

Donors, fundholders and key community leaders were asked to complete an assessment survey to understand their perception of WCCF, its role in our community and their willingness to support Foundation Operations. Using the information gathered, board members considered goals to address the Foundation's mission and its vision for the future

To build the Foundation's presence and impact, the board felt the need to improve relationships with fundholders, donors, community leaders, businesses and others through outreach events, effective communication, and collaboration. They also saw the need for more Philanthropic partnerships to facilitate growth through gifts and new funds.

The most challenging issue considered was to hire a part-time Executive Director for 10 to 15 hours per week. As the Foundation has added new programs and responsibilities, the workload of the current volunteer has tripled in the last 5 years. Funding a sustainable Executive Director position through a variety of methods and locating shared or independent office space are issues the board will continue to investigate in the coming year.

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Emily Croak of Ally Sterling Philanthropy Presents at recent *Lunch and Learn*



A group of over 40 attendees from area agencies gathered to hear Emily Croak speak on why donors give, what the most successful nonprofits know and how you can begin the process of building a strong and sustainable system for raising the money your mission needs.

This event was sponsored by the Carey Chamber of Commerce, Wyandot Chamber of Commerce, United Way of North Central Ohio, First National Bank of Sycamore, and The Anderson's.

WCCF Website Facelift!

The Wyandot County Community Foundation is currently working on some website updates. This is a work in progress, so don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you have trouble locating any information you might be looking for. Visit our website [here](http://www.wyandotcommunityfoundation.org)-www.wyandotcommunityfoundation.org to see its new look.



2022/2023 Operating Mission Support Commitment

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in support of WCCF's
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Successful Grant Writing

by Mandy Huston



Grant writing is an excellent way to connect local resources with community needs. At Dorcas Carey Public Library, grants play an important role in creating engaging programs and providing accessible technology for our community. Local grant funders like the Wyandot County Community Foundation (WCCF) have been particularly generous in supporting our efforts. However, writing grants can be time-consuming and overwhelming. Where do you begin?

The first step for writing a successful proposal is assessing what your needs are and what would benefit the people you serve. Do you have a program you want to start or a problem to solve, but you lack the budget to make it happen? A grant might be a good fit for you.

For example, a couple of years ago, we were struggling with failing computer network equipment. Public library funding had been cut when the economy suffered during the COVID shutdown. The unreliable wi-fi affected both library operations and the patrons using it to navigate the increasingly online world brought on by the pandemic. This was an urgent need that the WCCF helped fund, providing much faster and more secure internet access by enabling us to purchase up-to-date equipment.

When you have a defined idea of what project to pursue, you can start writing your proposal. Clearly state your request at the beginning of the application, along with a brief description of your organization. Flesh out exactly what you want to accomplish. Provide evidence for whom your project will help, how it will benefit them, why you need help achieving it, and why you and the grant funder are a good match. Explain how you will execute your plan and how you will publicize the grant. Sometimes including pictures provides a helpful visual to support your request as well.

Overall, be clear. Be concise. Beware of long paragraphs. Follow any grantor's guidelines and remember that the committee will have multiple applications to consider with limited time and attention. A page or less is usually sufficient to make a case for a small grant request. Your proposal will stand out if the information is straightforward, easy to read, and well thought out.

Finally, make sure your proposal looks professional. Ask a trusted colleague or friend to proofread your application. Misspelled words or grammar mistakes will distract from the heart and purpose of your project. Whenever possible, type your proposals instead of writing them by hand. Make sure your formatting is consistent and neat. Print a clean copy to mail or save your document as a PDF for email submissions.

In summary, taking the time to break down your grant writing challenge into smaller pieces will help you create a successful proposal. Form a concrete idea of what you want to achieve. Do your research to determine what steps are needed to reach your goal. Write clearly and concisely. Present your work in a visually appealing way that does your project justice. The care you take in preparing your proposal will shine through in your application.

Mandy Huston is an assistant librarian at Dorcas Carey Public Library. Along with writing grants, she creates marketing materials, runs the Crazy Crafters adult craft program, and provides internal IT support for the library.

IT IS GRANT APPLICATION TIME! WRITING A WINNING GRANT PROPOSAL

The Wyandot County Community Foundation offers nonprofits and governmental units the opportunity to apply for grants annually. This year the deadline for receipt of applications is July 31, 2022.

Plan now to write a winning grant proposal that will impact your organization. Be sure to read Mandy Huston's fantastic essay in this newsletter about "Successful Grant Writing."

Grant guidelines and application are available on the Foundation's website at wyandotcommunityfoundation.org. Click on the grants tab. Submit applications by mailing to WCCFoundation, P.O. Box 364, Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351, or email to: wyandotfoundation@gmail.com.

2022 WCCF Scholarship Recipients

Andy Koehler Medical Scholarship

- \$1000 Madison Byrum (University of Findlay)
- \$1000 Owen Knapp (Villanova)

Robert P Lee Memorial Scholarship

- \$1250 Kaylee Roberts (BGSU)
- \$1250 Owen Knapp (Villanova)

Agnes Lutz Scholarship (pay 2022)

- \$1408 Andrew Kuenzli (BGSU)
- \$1408 Payton Rodriguez (BG (pay in 2023))
- \$2706 Reagan McKinnis (OSU - Main Campus)
- \$2706 Paige Rothlisberger (Bowling Green State University)

T. Dwain Sayre Agricultural Honor Scholarship

- \$1200 Alec Bollinger (renewal-Marietta College)

Martha Stephan Weaver & Ruth Stephan Stangby Nursing Scholarship

- \$750 Kendra Conley (University of Findlay)
- \$750 Gage Frey (Bowling Green State University)

Gottfried Scholarship (\$2000 each)

- Laine Howell / Riverdale (Ohio Northern University)
- Zachery Sheaffer / USHS (OSU-Main Campus)
- Addison Miller / Carey (OSU-Main Campus)
- Hanna Bame / Carey (University of Findlay)
** Renewals **
- Tyler Littlejohn (OSU-Main Campus)
- Emma Brown (University of Findlay)

McCarthy Scholarships

- \$ 1500 Jevin Bennett (BGSU)
- \$ 1500 James Blackburn (Boston University)

Minehart Scholarship

- \$? Sydney Ham

Kakarala Scholarship (New 2022)

- Carey - \$500 Carson Pahl (Ohio Northern University)
- USHS - \$500 Katherine Meeker (Tiffin University)

Rev. Steward Scholarship (new 2022)

- \$750 Nicholas Wines (Capital University)

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- USHS - \$1000 Grace Swartz (Chapman University)
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A new face around the community,

Jessie Stock

The Wyandot County Community Foundation has a new liaison with Greater Toledo Community Foundation (GTCF). Jesse Stock serves as Philanthropic Services Officer at GTCF. Before moving to northwest Ohio in January 2020, he ran Leadership Athens County and led community grantmaking at the Athens County Foundation in Southeast Ohio. His career has always focused on service to the community. He has held multiple roles at nonprofits across the State and throughout his nearly 23-year military career. "I have many things to be thankful for in my life, but one of the things that I'm most appreciative of is knowing that I, and we all, have the innate ability to be the catalyst for making positive change in our communities. I've learned through my experience that a Community Foundation and its board are the engine that provides direction, but its members are the catalyst for building a vibrant community." "I look forward to meeting you all."