

Grant program: GiVE 365

Review team & reviewer initials:

Applicant organization:

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ORGANIZATION EVALUATION

Please rate the following statements 1-5 (with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest) based on the self-reported data in the organization's LIVEGIVEmidsouth.org profile. Refer to the sections in the LIVEGIVEmidsouth.org profile noted beside each statement below.	
	The organization's mission meets the objectives of the grant program. <i>(See "Our Mission")</i>
	The nonprofit's programs align with its mission. <i>(See "Our Mission", "Current Programs")</i>
	The composition of the organization's board and staff appropriately reflects the population(s) it serves or intends to serve. <i>(See "About", "Management", "Governance")</i>
	There are practices in place to support responsible and effective governance. <i>(See "Governance")</i>
	There are necessary policies and plans in place for the nonprofit to be managed effectively now and in the future. <i>(See "Management")</i>
	The nonprofit has reasonable expenses in proportion with its scope and mission. <i>(See "Financials")</i>
	The nonprofit receives funding from a variety of sources. <i>(See "Financials")</i>
	The nonprofit's core activities attract or generate sufficient, recurrent revenue to meet ongoing operating expenses. <i>(See "Financials")</i>
	TOTAL (out of 40)

Other questions to consider for organizational context:

1. Is management leadership new (< 3 years at the organization)? *(See "Management")*
2. Were there any significant budget variances over the last three years? If so, why? *(See "Financials")*

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APPLICATION EVALUATION

Please rate the following statements 1-5 (with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest) based on the application and any other research. Criteria are loosely listed in order of importance, with the criteria at the top of the page carrying more weight.	
	The funding request clearly addresses the grant theme. <i>(Stable, Safe & Thriving: programs that address housing security for Memphians)</i>
	The project or program is accessible to the target population. <i>(Already working with identified population or have a plan to reach target population; location, transportation, schedule, financial capacity, etc. are considered.)</i>
	The project or program engages participants' community appropriately. <i>(Responds to the needs of its participant community, partners with other service providers as appropriate)</i>
	There is evidence that sufficient planning has been done to make project or program success feasible. <i>(Budget is clear, project/program is ready to implement, number of project/program staff/volunteers is adequate, etc.)</i>
	The project or program will have long-term positive effects on participants. <i>(Evidence-based, experiential, empowering, etc.)</i>
	The project or program has a clear and useful method for measuring success. <i>(Goals for participants are clear, plan for evaluation in place, participant feedback included)</i>
	GiVE 365 funds will have a meaningful impact on the project or program. <i>(Funds can help leverage further investment or complete amount needed to implement project.)</i>
	The project or program timeline aligns within the grant period and progress can be creatively shared with members throughout the grant period. <i>(Activities will take place between May 2020 and April 2021 and can be shared through visual, anecdotal, and/or experiential updates.)</i>
	TOTAL (out of 40)

Please make notes for Community Foundation staff to share with applicants. (Your comments are anonymous.) Feedback can be an important part of building capacity for nonprofits. Are there details that should have been included in the application that were not? Were there elements of the application that gave you doubts? What other useful information should be shared with the applicant?