DCNP Professional Development MicroGrant Program Guidelines

Professional Development MicroGrants are available to provide nonprofit and governmental DCNP member organizations with funding for the purpose of supporting professional development activities.

Amount: Up to $250 per successful grant application

Appropriate Use: Meaningful professional development activities such as conference registration, webinars, books/resources, and consultant costs to cover customized training

Deadline: MicroGrants are accepted on an ongoing/rolling basis

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Priorities & Eligibility
MicroGrants are available for any nonprofit or governmental DCNP member organization. Preference is given to organizations with 501(c)3 status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. Successful applicants must be located in DeKalb County or primarily serve DeKalb County. Organizations may only receive one MicroGrant per 12-month period. Joint applications between multiple organizations are encouraged. For example, two organizations with the same training needs could collaborate for a total request of up to $500 to fund a consultant that benefits both applicants.

Restrictions & Details
In general, MicroGrants are not awarded for:
- Professional development that has already occurred—funds are intended to support future opportunities
- Travel, meals, lodging, per diem, or other additional expenses related to attaining professional development
- Professional development that will occur more than six months after the application is submitted
- Expenses unrelated to professional development (e.g., operating expenses, program costs, etc.)
- Organizations situated outside of DeKalb County or those primarily serving populations beyond DeKalb County

Application Information
Organizations must submit a MicroGrant application electronically. Read the application carefully and submit all requested information. There is no deadline to apply for a MicroGrant, so requests can be made at any time. An applicant (i.e., organization) may only receive one MicroGrant per 12-month period. Requests are reviewed by the MicroGrant selection committee as applications are received. Applicants may be contacted to provide further information during the review process.

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity (as defined in paragraph 249(c)(4) of title 18, United States Code), sexual orientation, marital or parental status, political affiliation, military service, physical or mental ability, or any other improper criterion be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available by the Community Foundation, and any other program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated for grants, cooperative agreements, and other assistance administered by the Community Foundation.