



Grant Seekers Guide

2027 Grant Cycle

About the REALTOR® Foundation

The REALTOR® Foundation is the charitable arm of the MIBOR REALTOR® Association. Since 2003, the Foundation has invested more than \$3.5 million in organizations directly serving those experiencing homelessness in central Indiana, raised entirely from the local real estate community.

Our Mission & Vision

The REALTOR® Foundation supports local nonprofits solving homelessness. We envision a central Indiana where everyone in our community has a safe place to call home.

The Foundation funds nonprofit organizations that are ending homelessness through permanent housing solutions. This may be as a result of, but not limited to, domestic violence, mental and physical barriers, addiction, income loss, or any other life circumstance resulting in vulnerability and instability of housing.

Grant Application Timeline

August 3, 2026	Applications Available
September 18, 2026	Applications Due
July 2027	Midyear Report Due
January 2028	Final Report due

Eligibility

Funding eligibility is limited to 501(c) 3 non-profit organizations. Funding will assist organizations or residents in the MIBOR service area which includes Boone, Brown, Decatur, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, Parke, Putnam and Shelby counties. The Foundation funds must be used to end homelessness through permanent housing in your community.

POTENTIAL APPLICANTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO DISCUSS THEIR REQUEST WITH THE FOUNDATION IN ADVANCE OF SUBMISSION.

Program Impact

The REALTOR® Foundation prioritizes proven housing-based solutions linked with wrap-around support services. Housing-based solutions focus on moving people experiencing homelessness affordable rental housing and providing them with the resources and support they need to remain securely housed.

Requests for general operating funds, programs, or capital funds are acceptable. Prior grants have funded: case management, general operating support, and expansion projects. Regardless of the type of request, organizations most likely to receive funding will demonstrate measurable impact including outputs (example: number of people served) and outcomes (example: percentage of people permanently housed)

Organizations may request up to \$15,000 for the proposed project. Typical awards range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The number and final amount of grants are contingent on funding availability.

Professional Development Funding

The Foundation offers additional funding for professional development that will help your staff better meet your organizational goals. Grants from the Steve Sullivan Professional Development Fund will provide the leaders and staff of our grant recipients with the opportunity to participate in training in areas such as grant writing, program evaluation, board development, strategic planning, leadership training, and trauma-informed care.

If your organization wishes to apply for professional development funds, simply fill out the required questionnaire at the end of the grant application. All grant seekers are encouraged to apply.

Instructions

The REALTOR® Foundation utilizes SmarterSelect, an online grants management system, for grant applications and reviews. *Application link will appear on the website – RealtorFoundation.org*

Once you have access to SmarterSelect, you may view the application form in its entirety before beginning the application process. You may also save and return to the application at a later date. The application deadline is midnight on **Friday, September 18, 2026**. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their request with the Foundation in advance of submission.

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