



# Grant Seekers Guide

## 2027 Grant Cycle

### TRADITIONAL GRANTS

#### 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 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.

#### Grant Application Timeline

August 1, 2026	Applications Available
August 31, 2026	Applications Due
October 2026	Grant Award Announcements
July 2027	Midyear Report Due (if awarded)
January 2028	Final Report due (if awarded)

#### Funding Request

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.

Requests for general operating funds, programs, or capital funds are acceptable. Prior grants have funded: case management, general operating support, and housing development 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).

#### Eligibility

Funding eligibility is limited to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations. The Foundation funds organizations that are ending homelessness through permanent housing solutions. Homelessness is often the result of, but not limited to, the following situations: domestic violence, natural disasters, mental or physical illness, addiction, income loss, or other personal tragedies.

Grants will be given to nonprofit organizations *with projects or providing services* in any of the following counties in the MIBOR region - **Boone, Brown, Decatur, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, Parke, Putnam and Shelby counties.**

The REALTOR® Foundation prioritizes proven housing-based solutions linked with wrap-around support services. Housing-based solutions focus on moving people experiencing homelessness into affordable

rental housing and providing them with the resources and support they need to remain securely housed.

**The grant application must clearly connect the request to ending homelessness.** We want to fund the permanent housing part of your work, not the emergency or temporary housing. Often applicants are shelters, transitional housing, or homelessness services providers. We fund the last part of your work - moving families and individuals into housing. **Our assistance supports the permanent housing part of programming only.**

### **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 **August 31, 2026.**

**Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their request with the Foundation in advance of submission.**

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