



# Grant Seekers Guide

## 2026 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 million in organizations directly serving those experiencing homelessness in central Indiana, fundraised 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 focuses on funding housing needs and supportive services for central Indiana residents who are experiencing homelessness. 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

- **June 2, 2025** Application available for current grantees & letter of intent open to 2025 non grantees
- **July 25, 2025** Letter Of Intent (LOI) due for non-current grantees
- **August 1, 2025** Invitation to apply sent to approved potential grantees
- **September 12, 2025** Grant Application Due
- **November 2025** Notification of funding decision
- **December 2025** Grants payable
- **January 2026** Final report due
- **July 2026** Midterm report due for current grantees

### 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 and Shelby Counties. The Foundation prioritizes programs that directly provide housing solutions. *Organizations applying for funding without a housing program component must demonstrate measurable outcomes that reduce, prevent, or work to solve homelessness in our communities.*

**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 into transitional housing or 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, mentoring or life skills programs, children's resources, 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, reduced recidivism, educational and income changes, etc.)

Organizations may request up to \$20,000 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. *Current grantees will automatically receive an invitation to apply again and do not need to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI).*

For non-current or first time applicants, an LOI is due by July 25, 2025. *Organizations that miss this deadline will not be eligible for funding.* Visit <https://miborrealtorfoundation.org/what-we-do/apply-for-a-grant.html> for submission instructions.

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 12, 2025**. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their request with the Foundation in advance of submission.

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