

# Grant Seekers Guide 2022



## About the REALTOR® Foundation

The REALTOR® Foundation is the charitable arm of the MIBOR REALTOR® Association. Since 2003, the Foundation has invested more than \$2.5 million in organizations directly serving central Indiana's homeless.

*Our Mission Statement: To mobilize our real estate community to raise funds and foster support for organizations that transition central Indiana's homeless to safe and secure housing.*

*Vision: Central Indiana's homeless have access to safe and permanent housing solutions that positively change their lives.*

The Foundation focuses primarily on funding transitional housing needs and supportive services for central Indiana residents who are homeless as a result of, but not limited to domestic violence, natural disasters, mental illness, addiction, job loss or other personal tragedies.

## Application and Grant Timeline

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| <input type="checkbox"/> June 1, 2021       | Application Available for 2021 Grantees                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 9, 2021       | LOI Due for Non-Current Grantees                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> August 6, 2021     | Invitation to Apply Sent to Approved Potential Grantees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> September 20, 2021 | Grant Application Due                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> November 2021      | Notification of Funding                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> December 2021      | Grants Payable  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 2022          | Midterm Report Due                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> January 2023       | 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 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 recidivism of homelessness.

**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 support services. Housing-based solutions focus on moving people who are homeless into transitional housing or affordable rental housing and providing them with the supports they need to remain there.

Requests for operating funds, specific 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 like grant writing, program evaluation, board development, strategic planning, leadership training, etc.

There are a few additional questions in the application you may answer if you would like to apply for the additional funds. Funds are very limited. We are likely to only fund 2-3 grants from the Sullivan Fund each year.

## Instructions

The REALTOR® Foundation utilizes an online application and reporting system via SmarterSelect. Current grantees will automatically receive an invitation to apply again and do not need to submit an LOI.

A Letter of Intent (LOI) is due by July 9, 2021. Organizations that miss this deadline will not be eligible for funding. Visit [www.realtorfoundation.org/what-we-do/apply-for-a-grant.html](http://www.realtorfoundation.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 process. You may also save and return to the application at a later date. The application deadline is midnight on Monday, September 20, 2021.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their request with the Foundation in advance of submission. Please contact Gabie Benson, Executive Director, at 317-956-5255 or [gabiebenson@realtorfoundation.org](mailto:gabiebenson@realtorfoundation.org).

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