

Vallee Fund for Blanchester Grantmaking Guidelines

Richard and Shirley Vallee loved Blanchester, Ohio and were inspired to provide a legacy that would build long-lasting change for their community and its citizens.

Dr. Richard and Shirley Vallee were married for 58 years. Both Dr. Vallee, a Mound chemist and plant manager, and his wife enjoyed their active life as members of the Blanchester community. The Clinton County Foundation is honored to partner with the Vallee Fund for Blanchester to ensure that the Vallee's legacy is preserved.

The Vallee Fund for Blanchester mission is to strengthen Blanchester, Ohio and improve the lives of its citizens through project-based funding. The Fund hopes to serve the Blanchester community through transformative ideas and creative programs that lift the community and provide services for those in need. Vallee Fund projects lay the groundwork for systemic changes that utilize local strategies, visionary leadership and collaborative partnerships.

All grant recipients must agree with the Clinton County Foundation's non-discrimination policies. Under these policies, no person may 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 Clinton County Foundation on the basis of race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, physical or mental ability, pregnancy, veteran status, military obligations, and marital status. However, it is not the intent of the Clinton County Foundation to prevent or limit the awarding of grants for projects designed to serve specifically defined populations or programs that seek to guarantee equality of opportunity to, and to reduce underrepresentation and underutilization of, minorities and women.

Standards and Priorities

- Within the geographic area of Blanchester school district and/or the Village of Blanchester
- Improve the wellbeing of Blanchester citizens
- Special emphasis placed on those with the greatest challenges and needs
- Are eligible organizations with a commitment to Blanchester, Ohio

Eligibility

- 501(c)3 organizations, government entities, non-profit organizations, and otherwise tax-exempt groups that are based in or serve Clinton County.

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- Organizations that do not meet the organizational status will need fiscal sponsorship from a qualifying organization.

Ineligible for grant support

- Debt-reductions, deficits, or previous obligations
- Support of religious activities or operating funds for religious organizations
- Political campaigns, political projects, or attempts to influence legislation or government actors. This includes organizations with missions to influence or participate in political campaigns on behalf of or against a candidate or initiative
- Funding of travel and related expenses for any organization

Application Process

- All applications are made through the [Clinton County Foundation Grant Portal](#).
- Visit clintoncountyohiofoundation.org to set up an account and apply for a Lucas Fund Grant.

Questions about eligibility, criteria or grantmaking process should be directed to Alison Belfrage at alison@clintoncountyohiofoundation.org or 937.566.1634.