

Everything you need
to know about...
**SUBMITTING
A STRONG
APPLICATION**

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Grants

About Us

Vision

Cullen Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for residents of Erie County.

Mission

Cullen Foundation serves the residents of Erie County by providing funding and support that significantly enhances the education of students in grades pre-K through 12 and advances theatre and the performing arts.

Project Budget



Florine Luhr
President

In grant writing, the Project Budget is an essential part of the grant seeker's application. Ideally, the Project Budget gives the reader ample information on the sources and uses and indicates that the rates for the project's essential resources (people, materials, space, etc.) have been thought through and priced out.

Cullen's Corner

Always prepared to inform you

Read what Cullen's Staff has to say about helpful application tips!



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Program Officer - Education



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Grants Manager

01. Program Operation

Clear description of how the program operates (e.g., what happens on a day-to-day basis, how many people are involved, how long does it last, etc.)

02. Measurable Goals

Clear, measurable goals for the students in the program.

03. Budget

Program and grant budgets that clearly delineate costs of operation and how the grant money will affect the program.

01. Strong Outcomes

A great grant application includes strong outcomes with clear measurables related to the grant program. Click the box below, to read our Performing Arts Outcome Bank.

[PA OUTCOMES BANK](#)

02. Data Analysis

A strong application clearly explains how the organization uses data and information to continuously improve the program.



Our applications provide a "budget narrative section," allowing the grant seeker to give context and further details to the actual budget.

When completed effectively, these two sections give the reader confidence that what the grant seeker envisions is realistic, manageable, and a sound investment.

Florine's Budget Tips



Draft Budget

If you need help, just ask our staff, we can review your draft budget and give feedback to make your submission stronger.



Detail

Provide enough detail in the budget line titles so that we can decipher their meaning. Highlight the categories our funding would go toward.



Capital Budget

If it's a capital project budget, remember to include the date the estimate was received and who provided it (the architect, vendor, contractor, etc.)



Funding Sources

Include all the funding sources that are part of your project, including other grants, internal contributions, and sources. Clearly indicate the funding gaps.

[MORE TIPS](#)

Have questions about your upcoming submission? Our staff is here to help! Reach out through our website, phone, or email.

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