

LexGive365 Grant Opportunity: Community Champions

The LexGive365 Charitable Fund at Blue Grass Community Foundation is offering a funding opportunity for local, grassroots nonprofits to sustain their high-quality programs or increase their organizational capacity to address additional service gaps in the Fayette County community. LexGive365, a giving circle of emerging philanthropists and civic leaders, aims to bolster nonprofit organizations that are trusted by, connected to, and rooted in community – those that serve as Community Champions while operating with budgets of less than \$500,000 per year.

This is a competitive grantmaking process. Grant applications will be reviewed by the LexGive365 Steering Committee and narrowed to three finalists. Representatives from the top three grant applicants will be required to present a short (maximum 12 minutes) presentation to the members of LexGive365 at their annual meeting in May 2026.

Competitive Grant Details

- Total Grant Pool Available: \$30,000
- Awards: Grants in the amount of **\$15,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000** will be awarded based on membership votes.
- Budget Requirement: Eligible proposals must have a minimum project/program budget of \$15,000.

Eligibility:

- Applicant organizations must be located in and serve the Fayette County community.
- Applicant organizations must have an annual operating budget of less than \$500,000.
- Applicant organizations must be classified as a nonprofit public charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code or have a fiscal sponsor with a 501(c)(3) designation; or be a public institution or entity that has a designated charitable purpose, such as a school or unit of government.
- Applicant organizations must have a Candid (*formerly GuideStar*) Seal of Transparency at the **Gold Level** or higher. [Candid.org](https://www.candid.org) is a national database of nonprofits recognized by the IRS. Organizations have free access to their profile on the site and can provide additional information to increase the level of Transparency. [Click here](#) to learn more about earning your seal of transparency. *Please note if your organization is a school or government, your organization is not eligible to have a Candid profile, and this requirement is waived.*
- Applicant organizations must not discriminate in their hiring, volunteer participation, or provision of client services. Exceptions may be made for hiring practices for religious organizations that can demonstrate bona fide occupational qualifications based on religious beliefs for employment.
- Applicant organizations with religious affiliations will be considered for funding only if the project for which they seek support attempts to address the needs of the wider community without regard to religious beliefs.
- Organizations must be current on any grant reports due to Blue Grass Community Foundation.
- Organizations must be able to present to the LexGive365 membership at the annual meeting in May 2026.

Deadline to apply: February 23, 2026 by 11:59 pm

Finalist Presentations: May 2026

Grant Period: May 2026 – April 2027

How To Apply:

Visit the Blue Grass Community Foundation's Grant portal to access the online application:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=bgcf>

Questions?

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