

Leicester Savings Bank Fund Guidelines- 2024

The Leicester Savings Bank Fund (LSB) was created in 1998 with the intention of creating a permanent resource to financially support organizations, initiatives and projects that improve the strength and vibrancy of the Leicester community.

INFORMATION SESSION DETAILS: (DATE/TIME, REGISTRATION)

Wednesday March 13, 2024

9:00-9:45 AM

Registration: <https://greaterworcester.wufoo.com/forms/qcklu3k1sdvwck/>

Eligibility

- 501(c)(3) organizations or fiscally sponsored programs
- Preference given to organizations based in and doing their work in Leicester
- Organizations located outside of Leicester are eligible, but must be serving Leicester residents in a meaningful and tangible way
- The proposed work is set to begin at a date after payment is made. (Reimbursement grants are not eligible)
- Operating costs, project expenses and/or capital expenses

Scope & Requirements

- Average grant size is \$3,000
- Requests of any amount will be considered, but larger projects should demonstrate they can secure additional funding
- Grant should be expended within 18 months of disbursement
- In lieu of a formal report, grantees will engage in a follow up conversation with staff at the conclusion of the work

Areas of Support

1. *Community Vibrancy*
 - a. Community Events
 - b. Recreation opportunities
 - c. Artistic performances and classes
2. *Critical Community Services*
 - a. Human Services
 - b. Community Development
 - c. Education
3. *Support for our most vulnerable community members*
 - a. Senior Citizens
 - b. Basic Needs

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Selection Criteria: Projects will be assessed in the following areas:

- Commitment to Leicester
- Impact on residents
- Feasibility of the project

What we are not able to support

- Individuals
- Businesses
- Reimbursements/ Support for work already done

Timeline

Application Opens	March 1, 2024
Information Session	March 13, 2024 at 9am
Application Deadline	April 19, 2024
Decisions	May 23, 2024
Payment Date	June 3, 2024

How We Can Help:

- Applicants are encouraged to reach out to GWCF Program staff before submitting an application to discuss project details.
- GWCF staff are happy to offer coaching on your application
- All applications receive a thorough and fair review and will be notified of your decision.
- You are encouraged to set up a feedback conversation with staff to learn more about your application review.

Links:

- Guidelines (PDF)
- Information Session Registration
- Application (PDF)