

# Lake Geauga Fund

The Lake Geauga Fund promotes community philanthropy, conducts strategic grantmaking, and brings the resources of the Cleveland Foundation to Lake and Geauga counties. The fund is stewarded by a local advisory committee and supports projects that create meaningful, long-term impact in the region.

## Learn more

[www.ClevelandFoundation.org](http://www.ClevelandFoundation.org)

## Grantmaking Priorities

### Catalytic Community Development (Capital)

- Transformational projects with long-term benefit
- Pre-development, construction, land acquisition, and public spaces
- Strong community engagement required

### Economic Development

- Workforce development connected to labor market demand
- Reducing barriers to employment
- Supporting small and mid-sized business growth and entrepreneurship

### Critical Knowledge & Infrastructure

- Systems, tools, partnerships, and expertise that enable catalytic impact
- Infrastructure tied to a clear future vision or project

## Eligibility & Timeline

- 501(c)(3) public charities based in or providing tangible services in Lake and/or Geauga counties
- Fiscal agents permitted with an MOU
- Demonstrated financial stability
- One application per organization

### Application Opens:

May 11, 2026

### Application Closes:

June 8, 2026

Funding decisions finalized by late August  
Deadlines are fixed; extensions are not available

## Questions?

Contact [grantsmgmt@clevelandfn.org](mailto:grantsmgmt@clevelandfn.org) for technical assistance or Andrew Katusin, Director of Community Philanthropy, [akatusin@clevelandfn.org](mailto:akatusin@clevelandfn.org) for questions about the fund