



Quick Reference Guide

The NOPEC Foundation was created to help communities and non-profit organizations in NOPEC's footprint fund projects which may not be conventionally served by alternative grants or public resources.

The NOPEC Foundation supports causes that align with its mission to positively impact NOPEC member communities in these following areas:

- Health & Medical
- Environmental
- Social Services
- Community & Economic Development

Foundation funds for the 2023 round of funding will be administered through the Cleveland Foundation.

Program Details

Program Timeline:

- April 1: Application window opens
- July 1: Application window closes
- September 1: Awards announced

Eligible Applicants

- Municipalities which are NOPEC Communities
- Nonprofit organizations headquartered in (or have substantial activities in) NOPEC Communities

Application Requirements:

- Completed application and project proposal submitted through Cleveland Foundation website
- Letter of support from a chief executive of the local NOPEC Community (i.e. Mayor, Councilperson, Trustee, etc.). Staff or director level individuals do not qualify. Letters are to be uploaded with other materials submitted through the Cleveland Foundation website.

Types of Projects that Qualify:

The following examples are a list of projects that might qualify for funding through the NOPEC Foundation.

- Investigative early projects
- Energy equity initiatives
- Feasibility studies
- Inter-community cooperative programs
- Diversity & inclusion programs
- Capacity building
- Poverty reduction programs
- Bridging the "Digital Divide"

Award Amounts:

The NOPEC Foundation will review applications and make awards between \$10,000 - \$40,000 in this first round of giving, at its discretion.

Additional Details:

Awardees will be contacted individually to be notified of their award amounts, award agreements, and reporting requirements. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified that their application was not successful, however not all applicants will be informed as to a rationale for their application's declination.

SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT



Office of the Mayor
123 Main Street
American City, OH 12345

NOPEC Foundation Board of Directors
31360 Solon Rd., Suite 33
Solon, OH 44139

LETTERHEAD
OF
AMERICAN
CITY

Re: Application to the NOPEC Foundation Grant Program by *Hometown Nonprofit*

CITY COUNCIL
& OFFICIALS

To the Board of Directors:

NAME
Title

I write as the *Mayor of American City* in full and enthusiastic support for the application by *Hometown Nonprofit* to the NOPEC Foundation. The project *Hometown Nonprofit* is applying to the NOPEC Foundation for funding will benefit our community, impact our citizens, and connects with other great initiatives happening in *American City*.

NAME
Title

[Insert other commentary germane to the project application as it relates to American City.]

NAME
Title

NAME
Title

Please accept this letter of support in your consideration of *Hometown Nonprofit's* application to the NOPEC Foundation.

NAME
Title

NAME
Title

Best regards,

NAME
Title

Mayor
American City

NAME
Title

NAME
Title

NAME
Title

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hancock".