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Vandalia-Butler Foundation Special Interest Funds

By donating to a Vandalia-Butler Foundation Special Interest Fund, you focus your contributions on initiatives that mean the most to you and your family, while helping the Vandalia-Butler community:

- Arts & Culture
- Recreation
- Community Health
- Small Business Development
- Education
- Social Services
- Environment

You identify your special interest area and our Board of Trustees will award grants to community organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area you select.

When making a contribution, please specify the Special Interest Fund category in the memo area of your check or complete the process online by selecting the “Donate Now” button on our homepage. Thank you for your continued support of our community through The Vandalia-Butler Foundation.

Grants

The Vandalia-Butler Foundation will consider grant applications from organizations that are recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and if selected, provide funds to help address needs that are not met fully by existing organizational or community resources.

If you are affiliated with or know of a not-for-profit organization serving the residents of the Vandalia-Butler community and whose services fit into one of these special interest categories, please encourage them to apply. The application is available on the home page of our web site: www.vandalia-butlerfoundation.org

Arts & Culture

Support performing and/or visual arts programs including funding for exhibits, operations, performances, programs, projects, supplies, etc.

- Ensure new audiences and community participants have access to arts/culture including persons with low to moderate income and the disabled
- Educate individuals about new, emerging and innovative approaches to art
- Ensure the availability of a broad array of artistic opportunities that reflect the diversity of the community
- Encourage collaboration with other arts funding sources
- Bring awareness and preservation to historic arts
- Reimburse funds to nonprofit organizations and individual artists to enroll in workshops and/or attend conferences to strengthen the economic sustainability of an organization or arts practice

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Community Health

Support medical programs and facilities that deal with issues in the community.

- Childhood obesity
- Indigent health care
- Health education
- Pre-natal care
- Minority health issues
- Mental health and drug/alcohol addiction
- Preventative healthcare
- Chronic disease prevention and treatment
- Long term disabilities
- Developmentally disabled children and adults
- Teen pregnancy
- Elderly care
- Rehabilitation services

Education

Address educational needs of people of all ages; enhance the knowledge of students directly, or provide additional resources to teachers and educational programs.

- Prepare children for kindergarten
- Involve parents in their children's education
- Prepare students for all facets of education, emphasizing science, technology, engineering, and math
- Increase high school graduation rate
- Increase number of students enrolling in college or other post-secondary training
- Improve financial literacy
- Promote adult education and career training
- Encourage professional development for educators

Environment

Preserve natural features of an area, or enhance or re-develop neglected features. This area includes funding for parks, natural resources and animal welfare.

- Increase access to and sustainability of natural resources
- Promote green technologies and renewable energy
- Encourage environmental education, outreach and awareness
- Improve the welfare of animals

Recreation

Assist in areas of public improvement, recreation and promoting the community.

- Encourage community beautification/pride
- Promote and encourage the development of healthy, viable neighborhoods
- Support broad-based recreational activities

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Small Business Opportunity

Financially assist small businesses in the City of Vandalia and Butler Township through reimbursement of expenses incurred with specific projects. Recipients will be selected via an application process.

- Supplement Labor Costs (internships, temporary employees, signing bonus)
- Implement health and wellness program for employees
- Support continuing education (seminar/webinar costs, training courses)
- Supplement business retreats
- Enhance marketing/advertising efforts
- Augment technology (software, operating systems)
- Fund licensing/permits

Social Services

Address basic human needs of food, shelter, and clothing, and seek solutions to systemic social problems.

- Reduce poverty and address the causes of poverty.
- Promote affordable housing
- Decrease foreclosure rate
- Encourage disaster preparation and relief
- Enhance legal aid
- Support senior services
- Support veteran services
- Enhance hunger relief