

Better Work

- Delivers Jobs for Life workforce training to justice-involved and underserved adults at locations including the Muscogee County Jail, Victory Mission, Freedom House, and Rutledge State Prison.
- Expects to engage approximately 80 students and 40 volunteers through 7–8 classes covering communication, conflict resolution, financial literacy, teamwork, job readiness, and career planning.
- Requests \$28,633 (receiving \$10,000), toward a \$147,633 project; goals include improved graduation, employment, and job retention outcomes, plus fewer disciplinary infractions among incarcerated graduates.

Boyz 2 Men '26

- Operates the MATCH program—Mentoring, Affirmation, Teaching, Counseling, and Healing—for youth ages 6–17 through tutoring, counseling, mentoring, family workshops, and violence prevention.
- The application estimates benefits for 300 youth and 30–35 families, while its detailed performance plan calls for approximately 250 students enrolled and 384 hours of mentoring and tutoring.
- Requests \$45,000, (receiving \$5,000), toward a \$112,800 project, with success measured through attendance, surveys, academic improvement, partner feedback, and youth engagement in positive activities.

Building Wellness

- Delivers Stewards of Children training to help adults recognize, prevent, and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse.
- Plans to train at least 500 adults annually, including educators, caregivers, childcare providers, and people in youth-serving organizations.
- Requests \$23,265, (receiving \$5,000), toward a \$25,850 project and will evaluate participation, knowledge gained, confidence in recognizing warning signs, and willingness to report suspected abuse.

CCC — Columbus Community Center

- Proposes year-round STEM activities and an eight-week summer camp for approximately 20–25 children ages 5–12.
- Seeks stronger academic and social skills, better attendance and interest in STEM, fewer behavioral problems, and greater family participation.
- Requests \$27,772, (receiving \$15,000), toward a \$96,422 project; results will be assessed through sign-in sheets, pre- and post-tests, parent surveys, and youth summaries.

Claflin / My Brother's Keeper

- Provides reentry support, mentoring, life-skills instruction, job preparation, vocational training, and family-strengthening services for adults and youth.
- Expects to serve 25 adults and 25 youth in Muscogee County through referrals from schools, agencies, churches, parents, probation, and corrections partners.
- Requests \$50,000 , (receiving \$10,000), toward a \$55,000 project, with quarterly evaluations focused on education, employment preparation, family reintegration, and reduced recidivism.

Clement

- Uses CarePortal to connect the vetted needs of vulnerable children and families with churches, businesses, volunteers, and community partners.
- Anticipates serving approximately 500–600 people annually; its recent results report 568 individuals served and nearly 89% of CarePortal requests fulfilled.
- Requests \$15,000 , (receiving \$15,000), toward a \$16,950 project to prevent foster-care entry or reentry, stabilize foster and kinship placements, and support safe family reunification.

Col Scholars 2026

- Serves 53 middle-school, high-school, and college students through mentorship, enrichment sessions, tutoring, grade monitoring, and college guidance.
- Provides SAT/ACT preparation, laptops and calculators, assistance with school expenses, and tutoring when a student's GPA falls below 3.0.
- Requests \$26,000 t, (receiving \$5,000),oward a \$30,050 project and will track grade progression, academic performance, college readiness, and arrests or criminal charges among scholars.

CORTA CPG 2026-2027

- The Columbus Regional Tennis Association expects its free TennisWorks! program to serve more than 400 youth through after-school sessions and summer camps.
- Each school-year session combines tennis instruction with tutoring or enrichment and a snack; summer camps add longer activities and meals.
- It requests \$30,000 , (receiving \$15,000), toward a \$77,795 project and plans to track participation, retention, tennis skills, and academic progress.

CSO

- The Columbus Symphony Orchestra estimates its music education activities will reach 1,110 young people: about 90 at three teaching sites, 620 through school programs, and 400 at a Young People's Concert.
- Its after-school instruction is shifting to six-week "Symphony Bites" courses, designed to work better when students cannot attend every week.
- It requests \$15,000 , (receiving \$5,000), toward a \$55,594.80 project to provide music instruction and concert experiences, with the goal of encouraging continued participation in school and community music programs.

CTC

- Columbus Technical College proposes job training for 340 people: 265 at Muscogee County Prison and 75 adult education students pursuing a high school equivalency credential.
- Participants would receive résumé and interview training and could pursue credentials in fields such as welding, construction, logistics, forklift safety, and commercial driving.
- It requests \$349,870 , (receiving \$150,000), toward a \$460,617 project and aims for at least 80% of participants to complete training, with employment tracked within 90 days of release or program completion.

CVEM '26

- Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry proposes support for about 100 people enrolled annually in the Columbus Day Reporting Center, where transportation can be a barrier to treatment, supervision, and work.
- Assistance would include bus passes, identification documents, work attire, basic necessities, referrals, family workshops, and recovery events.
- It requests \$15,000, (receiving \$15,000), toward a \$30,000 project and would measure appointment attendance, compliance with program conditions, employment, and progression through the reporting center's phases.

Dream '26

- The Columbus Dream Center projects serving 900 families, or about 2,500 individuals, with food, prepared meals, clothing, hygiene supplies, and case management.
- It also plans school supply and uniform giveaways, a summer youth program, health-related partnerships, and neighborhood resource fairs addressing safety and local needs.
- It requests \$30,000 , (receiving \$15,000), toward a \$40,000 project and says it will review service counts monthly and progress toward its annual goal quarterly.

East Carver

- East Carver Heights Community Development Corporation expects to serve 122 people through youth soccer, family programming, and academic support at Boxwood Recreation Center.
- Its proposal aims to give children year-round activities while addressing learning needs, food security, and connections to other family resources.
- It requests \$35,000 , (receiving \$20,000), toward a \$64,500 project and anticipates gains in self-esteem, grades, cooperation, quality of life, and community connection.

Easterseals

- Easterseals West Georgia proposes structured after-school activities from 3–6 p.m. for children affected by disability, with a focus on social skills, emotional regulation, and positive peer interaction.
- The project expects to benefit 72 people: 24 participating children and 48 caregivers. It also includes four caregiver sessions on behavior management, de-escalation, and finding resources.
- It requests \$20,000 , (receiving \$5,000), toward a \$25,000 project to reduce unsupervised time and strengthen children's behavior and family stability.

Emanuel Prep Crime Grant

- Emanuel Preparatory School of Math and Science seeks \$25,000, (receiving \$25,000), for curriculum and supporting academic tools within a stated \$910,789 overall school budget.
- The all-male, STEAM-focused school serves pre-K through eighth grade and lists 110 families as beneficiaries.
- It proposes measuring academic progress through quarterly assessments and annual Iowa assessments, linking educational opportunity to its crime-prevention purpose.

FAITH

- F.A.I.T.H.'s "Men are MAD" initiative focuses on adolescent youth through mentorship, leadership development, family involvement, and restorative community support.
- It describes monthly work with a cohort of 40 students and their households and estimates that its broader activities will benefit more than 1,000 people or families annually.
- It requests \$63,000, (receiving \$20,000), toward a \$70,000 project, seeking stronger confidence, educational commitment, family connections, and resistance to negative peer influences.

FLOW

- Flourishing Ladies of the World focuses on girls with repeated school suspensions, using student support and parent training to improve decisions, behavior, and school engagement.
- Its approach brings families and schools together to replace time lost to suspension with interventions and improve attendance, academic performance, and student–teacher relationships.
- It estimates reaching 1,600 parents and students and requests \$100,000 , (receiving \$50,000), toward a \$150,000 project.

Girls Inc

- Girls Inc. of Columbus & Phenix-Russell expects to serve about 370 girls through center-based after-school and summer programming.
- Its mentoring and hands-on programs focus on healthy living, mental health, academics, leadership, and skills to respond to bullying, violence, and other risks.
- It requests \$45,640 , (receiving \$10,000), and plans to track attendance, regular social-emotional surveys, academic readiness, self-confidence, and problem-solving skills.

Goodwill

- Goodwill’s BRIDGE GED program directly enrolls about 110 adults ages 18–30 each year for accelerated GED preparation, tutoring, life skills, and career planning.
- Goodwill estimates serving about 1,100 people annually overall, including people referred to other education or support services when BRIDGE is not the right fit.
- It requests \$30,000, (receiving \$30,000), toward a \$364,683 project and targets measurable academic gains, GED completion, and stronger paths to work or further training.

JOT

- JOT Inspires’ RISE program plans to serve 35 people annually: 10 women returning from incarceration or under supervision and 25 at-risk or probation-involved youth.
- It combines mentoring and fitness sessions with job readiness, GED and education referrals, anger management, and behavioral health connections.
- It requests \$18,544.50 , (receiving \$10,000), toward a \$20,605 project, with goals of stronger education and work engagement, improved decision-making, and less repeat justice involvement.

Kingdom Sports

- Kingdom Sports describes a free, three-month basketball league for at least 72 North Highland children ages 8–11, organized into eight teams.
- Coaches and mentors use supervised play to teach teamwork, discipline, conflict resolution, confidence, and positive peer relationships.
- It requests \$10,000 , (receiving \$10,000), toward an \$11,559.62 project. The application states a January–March 2026 project period and an October 2025 funding need date.

Legit Station

- Legitimation Station helps fathers establish legal relationships with their children so they can seek custody and visitation rights.
- Its coordinator recruits and supports volunteer attorneys and paralegals who help fathers prepare and file court documents; the program reports serving roughly 100–130 fathers annually.
- It requests \$17,000, (receiving \$17,000), toward a \$19,850 project, connecting increased parental involvement with its goal of stronger family stability.

Living Mosaic

- Living Mosaic Collective proposes converting a blighted Warm Springs Road property into a community greenhouse and activity space.
- Planned programming includes gardening, art, creative reuse, and self-sufficiency skills; the new organization estimates about 100 direct participants.
- It requests \$5,000 , (receiving \$5,000), toward a \$13,165 project, aiming to increase constructive use of the site and reduce loitering, vandalism, and other problems there.

Micahs Promise

- Micah's Promise proposes countywide education to help youth, residents, and professionals recognize and respond to child sex trafficking.
- Its work spans prevention training, earlier identification through schools and other agencies, and trauma-informed support for survivors, including services at the Girls Rise Home.
- It requests \$25,000, (receiving \$20,000), toward a \$191,000 project. Its estimated reach of 72,100 largely includes media and digital exposure, alongside in-person events and training.

NFOAAY

- Neighborhoods Focused on African-American Youth proposes expanding Community Study Halls at Elizabeth F. Canty Homes and Warren Williams Homes for an estimated 200 students and family members.

- The weekday after-school program provides reading and math help, homework support, STEM activities, and character and life-skills workshops, with additional parent engagement.
- It requests \$187,659 , (receiving \$15,000), toward a \$219,622 project and aims to improve grades, school conduct, attendance, and parents' involvement in their children's education.

Omega

- This shorter Omega Lamplighters form also states a goal of serving 100 young men in grades 3–12, including 15 elementary, 25 middle-school, and 60 high-school students.
- It requests \$68,300, , (receiving \$30,000), with travel listed as the largest detailed expense at \$43,000, followed by a \$10,000 clothing allowance.
- Its narrative and outcome fields are blank. Like the form reproduced in the longer packet, it lists \$81,200 in expenses near the front but \$94,200 on the detailed budget line.

Open Door

- Open Door Community House expects its Mathews Promise Academy to serve 275 K–12 students through after-school academic support and an eight-week Summer Academy.
- Students receive reading and math help, homework assistance, enrichment, and meals; the program also works with families, teachers, and counselors.
- It requests \$20,000 , (receiving \$15,000), toward a \$514,924 project and sets goals for grade-level reading, limited school absences, and advancement to the next grade or graduation.

Overflo '26

- Overflo Outreach Ministries presents a four-part, \$50,000(receiving \$15,000) proposal covering youth support, workforce development, and community prevention events.
- The plan allocates \$12,500 to *A Place for Peebles*, \$15,000 to an education, mental-health, and life-skills hub, and \$12,500 to the *Sweepers* mentoring and career pathway program.
- A further \$10,000 would support community events, including school-supply and hygiene backpacks, haircuts, and youth recognition activities.

Right Start

- Right from the Start proposes relationship, parenting, and family-strengthening education for an estimated 3,680 people across schools and community programs.
- Its largest components are REAL Essentials in ninth-grade classes at nine high schools and All Pro Dad in eight elementary schools, alongside smaller programs for young men, parents, and adults.
- The organization requests \$32,040 (receiving \$30,000) toward a \$182,780 project, aiming to improve communication, conflict resolution, parenting, and family connections.

Safehouse

- Safehouse Ministries proposes *Back 2 Work & Off the Streets*, a 10-week program for 10 people at the Freedom House emergency shelter.
- Twice-weekly sessions would cover job readiness, leadership, financial literacy, accountability, and access to community resources.
- It requests \$6,545.25 (receiving \$5,000) toward a \$7,272.50 budget, with the goal of helping participants find work and permanent housing and spend less time in shelter.

Scouts

- Scouting America's Chattahoochee Council proposes reaching about 450 young people, primarily in south and east Columbus.
- Its activities include STEM and law-enforcement career exploration, crime-prevention and safety learning, and a juvenile-diversion component emphasizing mentoring, conflict resolution, and service.
- The council requests \$35,000 (receiving \$20,000) toward a \$95,000 project to expand access, provide positive adult role models, and support youth leadership.

Second Chance

- A Second Chance W.O.R.K.S. proposes serving about 1,700 students, parents, and guardians through schools, alternative settings, group homes, and community locations.
- The program focuses on students facing repeated suspensions, pairing interventions with parent or guardian training and alternatives to exclusion from school.
- It requests \$150,000 (receiving \$10,000) toward \$210,000 in listed expenses, aiming to improve attendance and academic progress while reducing repeat discipline and justice-system involvement.

Service for Humanity

- Service For Humanity proposes a Sigma Beta Club mentoring program for 50 middle- and high-school boys in Muscogee County.
- The program combines positive male role models with educational, cultural, social, athletic, and leadership activities intended to build character and discourage violence.
- It requests \$31,725 (receiving \$78,000) toward \$87,560 in listed expenses, with participant progress and school advancement among its measures of success.

STEAM Expo

- Let's Grow STEAMx proposes a college-and-career readiness program expected to reach 3,750 young people, primarily through a large Youth College & Career Expo.
- Smaller POWER Workshops, Ready.Set.Summer activities, and Project MentorMe would provide more sustained planning, skill-building, and mentoring.

- The organization requests \$75,000 (receiving \$15,000) to help participants explore careers and education, develop goals and portfolios, and understand scholarships and financial aid.

STEAM RACE

- Let's Grow STEAMx proposes *River City Race to Readiness* for about 550 participants, culminating in a gravity race day planned for May 2027.
- Youth would design, build, and test model and full-scale gravity-powered cars while learning engineering, teamwork, and career-related skills; a fall pilot also proposes twice-weekly math and reading tutoring for 25 participants.
- The application requests \$46,750 (receiving \$5,000) toward a \$101,750 project, with goals spanning academic confidence, mentoring, and exposure to STEAM careers.

Take the City

- Take the City/Harvest Movement proposes two connected efforts: regular neighborhood outreach and continued operation of Redeem Boutique, which supports women facing exploitation, addiction, abuse, or instability.
- Trained volunteers would build relationships and connect residents to resources; the boutique would provide a safe setting, mentoring, life-skills support, and referrals.
- The application requests \$26,000 (receiving \$15,000) toward a \$67,000 project and estimates 1,500–2,500 people will be engaged over 12 months.

Truth Springs

- Truth Spring seeks support for its 10-month, paid Trade School program for 20 adults facing employment barriers such as a criminal record, limited work experience, or lack of transportation.
- Participants receive job-readiness training followed by paid apprenticeships in areas including construction, urban farming, and culinary arts, with access to certifications, GED preparation, and coaching.
- The organization requests \$60,000 (receiving \$60,000) toward a \$608,868 project; its goal is to move graduates into stable, full-time work.

Turn Around

- Turn Around Columbus proposes continuing the George Washington Carver Victory Garden & Farm as an outdoor learning site and youth-run agricultural program.
- The farm combines elementary-school enrichment and mentoring with paid work-based learning for high-school youth, while growing healthy food for the surrounding community.
- It requests \$24,992 (receiving \$20,000) toward \$49,992 in expenses and estimates more than 760 people will benefit—a figure that includes students, families, volunteers, and produce recipients or customers.

Voices of the Valley '26

- Voices of the Valley Children's Chorus seeks to continue and expand its South Campus at Spencer High School, aiming to grow enrollment from 14 to 50 students.
- The program would remain free for South Campus singers, covering tuition, uniforms, and materials while offering weekly rehearsals, peer mentoring, and joint performances with the Downtown Campus.
- It requests \$44,270.50(receiving \$25,000) toward \$58,270.50 in expenses. Its estimate of 800 beneficiaries includes singers, staff, and concert audience members—not 800 student participants.

Whole Person

- Whole Person Ministry proposes a community-based mentoring program for 60 boys ages 10–18, with monthly sessions at Greater Peace Baptist Church.
- The program focuses on character, academic and social development, and positive choices, drawing participants through school and community partnerships.
- It requests \$45,890(receiving \$20,000) toward \$163,480 in listed expenses, including personnel, learning materials, activities, and transportation.

Wright '26

- Wright Way Fitness & Boxing proposes serving up to 100 youth and young adults annually, including about 65 consistent participants.
- Its crime-prevention model combines boxing and mentoring with social-emotional skills, parent support, educational help, career exposure, and community service during after-school and evening hours.
- The application requests \$49,000(receiving \$30,000) toward a \$69,000 project, aiming to improve self-control, decision-making, school engagement, and access to positive opportunities.

YMCA

- The YMCA of Metropolitan Columbus proposes its Achievers Program for 40 middle-school students at the A.J. McClung YMCA.
- Working with school counselors, it would provide tutoring, mentoring, leadership and life-skills activities, and exposure to college and career pathways.
- The YMCA requests \$12,000, (receiving \$10,000) with intended outcomes including stronger academic performance, confidence, social skills, and readiness for future education and work.

YOGC

- The Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus proposes expanding its Youth Orchestra Academy for an estimated 50 students from Title I middle and high schools.

- Selected students would receive orchestra instruction and participation at no cost, with transportation, instruments, coaching, and meals helping remove barriers.
- The organization requests \$25,000 (receiving \$10,000) toward \$35,750 in expenses, seeking to build musical skills, discipline, belonging, and access to arts education.

Young Life

- Young Life seeks to strengthen two school-year programs: MentalitYLife, which helps high-school students plan for graduation and life afterward, and YoungLives, which mentors pregnant and parenting teens.
- Activities include one-on-one mentoring, life-skills and career discussions, help navigating parenting and childcare resources, and development of a follow-on program for young mothers after graduation.
- The application requests \$15,000 (receiving \$15,000) toward \$59,240 in expenses and aims to reach more than 200 students and volunteers combined.