

LICKING COUNTY FOUNDATION

2026 Grant Priorities

Arts and Culture: Strengthening, sustaining, and preserving creative expression and cultural heritage through the promotion of arts and culture.

Children and Youth: Investing in quality programs and services that empower children and youth and promote healthy development and emotional well-being.

Education: Advancing access to high-quality education and career attainment opportunities that foster academic achievement, value inclusive systems, promote lifelong learning, and provide skill and/or credential development.

Emergency Response and Critical Assistance: Mobilizing resources to deliver timely support during crises and strengthen community resilience through disaster preparedness, emergency response, and recovery efforts.

Environmental Development and Protection: Promoting the conservation and development of natural resources, sustaining parks and recreation spaces, and preserving ecosystems and green spaces.

Health: Promoting wellness and expanding access to affordable mental, behavioral, and physical healthcare with an emphasis on individuals who are uninsured, underinsured, or income constrained.

Housing: Addressing the root causes of homelessness and housing instability and increasing access to emergency shelter services and supporting the development of affordable housing.

Infrastructure Growth: Promoting community development and infrastructure enhancement to strengthen physical, economic, and social foundations.

Older Adults: Enhancing the well-being, independence, and quality of life for older adults.

Supportive Communities: Fostering vibrant and resilient neighborhoods rooted in safety, support, and compassion by addressing violence, promoting animal welfare, expanding access to nutritious food, and advancing equality, justice, and belonging.