

Employees Community Fund

Apply for a Grant: Chicago

Introduction

The Employees Community Fund (ECF) of Chicago is part of an international network of Boeing employee-owned and operated nonprofit charitable foundations. We focus giving in five areas: Education, Health and Human Services, Environment, Arts and Culture, and Civic.

Agencies must qualify with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization and focus their work/services in underserved communities. Nonprofits are evaluated on their history and mission, their impact in the community, their success of recent initiatives, and their alignment to focus area interest.

Grants awards vary greatly in size. Award levels are based on the merit of each individual grant request.

Geographical Restrictions

ECF of Chicago will consider grant requests from organizations based in and serving the communities where our employees live and work. These include Chicago and its surrounding counties as well as parts of Northwest Indiana.

Timeline

Application Dates	Award Dates	Focus Areas
Oct 1 – Jan 31	May 1 st	Education, Environment
Feb 1 – May 31	Sep 1 st	Arts and Culture
Jun 1 – Sep 30	Jan 1 st	Health and Human Services, Civic

**If a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the application will be due on the next business day.*

Restrictions

The ECF of Chicago does not fund:

- Pass through organizations
- Political organizations or programs
- Individual public and private schools
- Fraternal, sectarian, social, religious, or similar organizations
- Sports or recreational activities
- General operating costs and expenses (e.g. salaries, insurance, utilities, etc.)

Instructions for Applying for ECF Funding

Step 1: Review **information provided above prior to applying for the grant.**

Step 2: Please complete the pre-application questionnaire which is attached and send it to **ChicagoECF@boeing.com** at least 30 days before the end of the application period pertaining to the focus area to which organization is applying. Someone from the Chicago ECF team will contact you within the application period with additional questions or to invite a full online application.

[Click here for the pre-application questionnaire.](#)

Step 3: Identify a Boeing employee to act as sponsor for the grant request. The Boeing employee must contribute to the general pool of the Chicago ECF.

Step 4: If the nonprofit you are sponsoring has never applied for an ECF grant, **please use this link: [New ECF grant applicant](#). If you do not know the organization's user name or password, click on the "Need Support" link on the login page for assistance.**

If you think your organization has previously applied for an ECF (or Boeing corporate grant), **please use this link: [Returning ECF grant applicant](#). It is important that you do not create a duplicate record.**

If you have already started an application for an ECF grant **for a particular project or program, you should also use this link: [Returning ECF grant applicant](#).**

Contact Information

For further information, please contact the Chicago ECF focals, Carlo Armando or Janice Llereza, at armando.carlo@boeing.com or janice.c.llereza@boeing.com. You may expect a response within one week.