



# The Importance of Grants

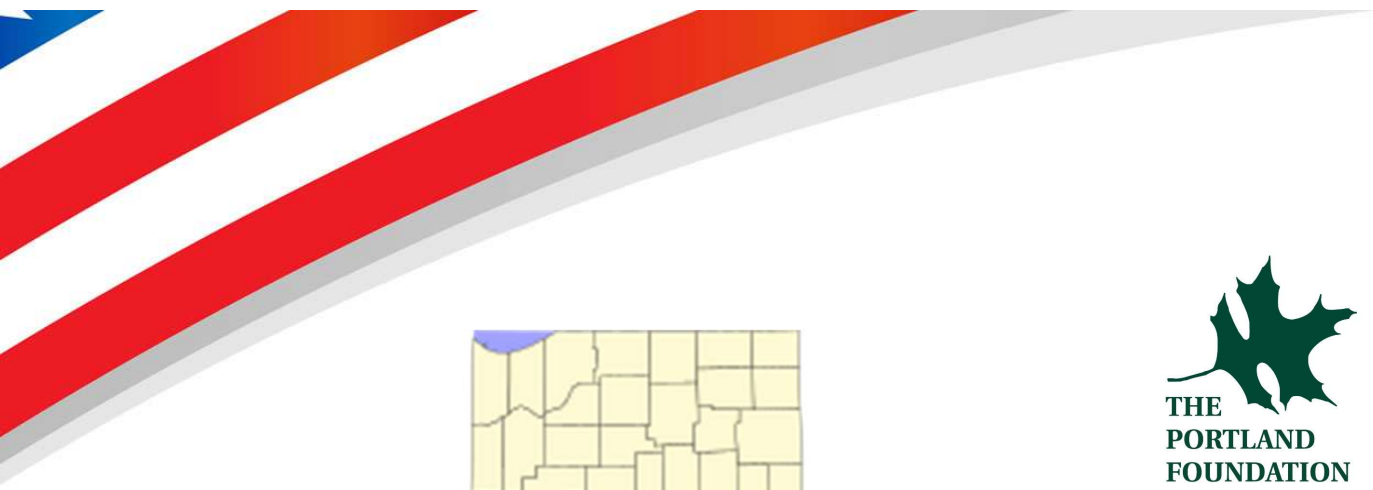
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- Established in 1951
- Serves 20,000 Jay County residents
- Assets of \$51M at end of 2024
- Has awarded more than \$22M in grants and scholarships



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Why should we consider writing grant proposals?

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# \$557.16 billion

In 2023, Americans gave \$557.16 billion to charity, growing 1.9% over 2022. However, when adjusted for inflation, total giving declined by 2.1%.

## Where did the generosity come from?

### Contributions by source

By percentage of the total

# 67%

\$374.40 billion

### Giving by Individuals

↑ grew by 1.6% from 2022

# 19%

\$103.53 billion

### Giving by Foundations

↑ increased 1.7% over 2022

# 8%

\$42.68 billion

### Giving by Bequest

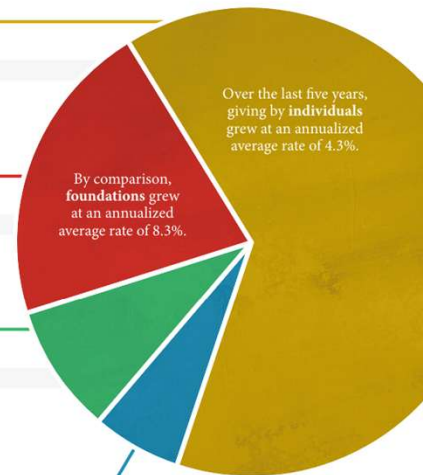
↑ increased 4.8% over 2022

# 7%

\$36.55 billion

### Giving by Corporations

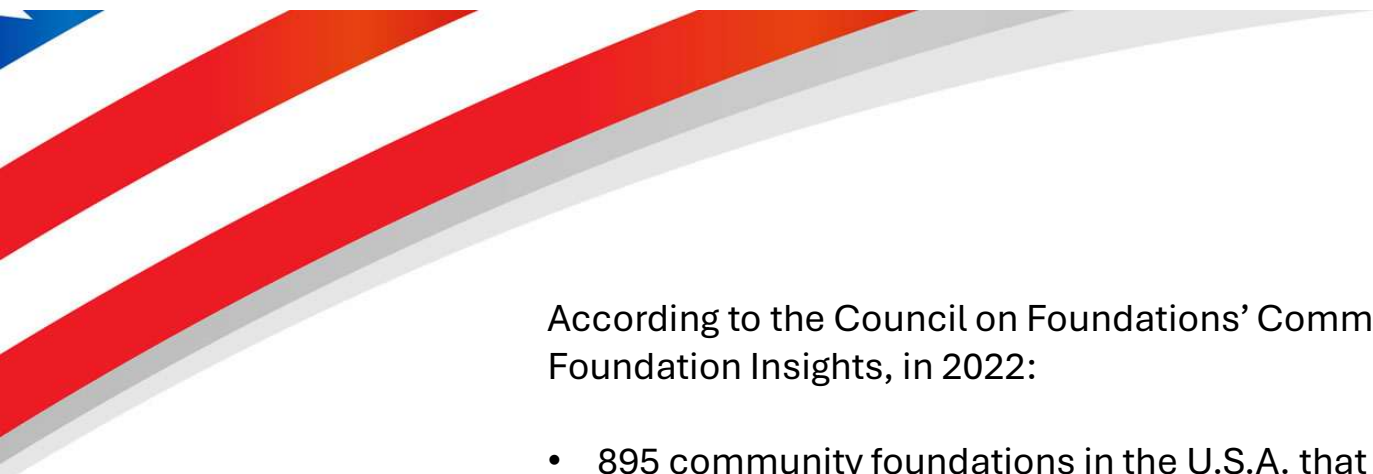
↑ increased 3.0% over 2022



\*All figures on this infographic are reported in current dollars unless otherwise noted. Inflation was slightly higher than average in 2023, at 4.1%, and results may differ when adjusted for inflation. Learn more in the chapters.



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According to the Council on Foundations' Community Foundation Insights, in 2022:

- 895 community foundations in the U.S.A. that met the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations definition
- \$132.2 billion in assets
- \$5.28 billion in distributions

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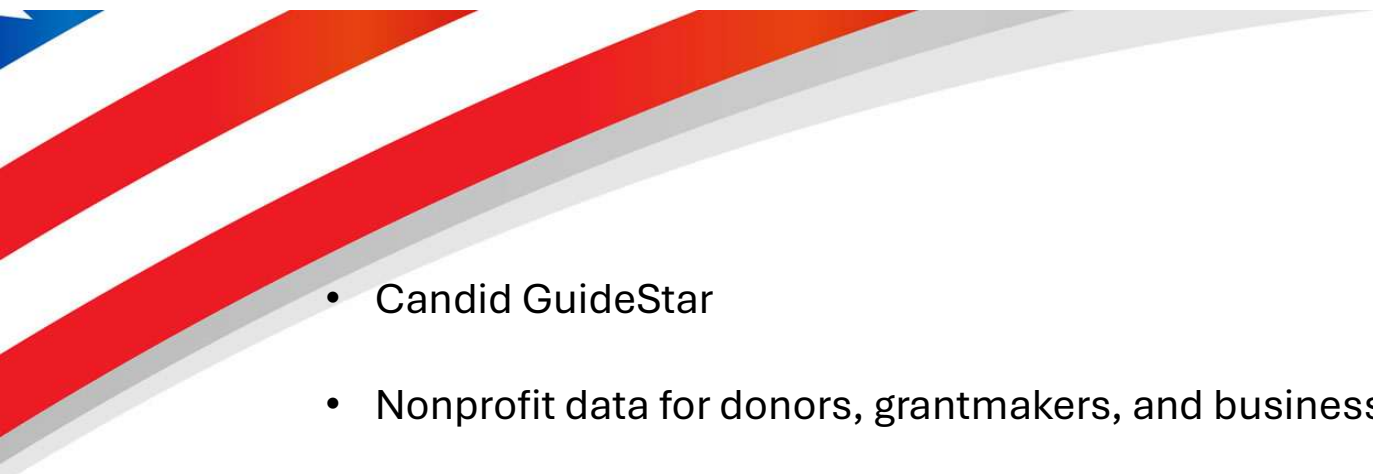




Where do we find this potential funding?

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- Candid GuideStar
  - Nonprofit data for donors, grantmakers, and businesses
  - Sign-up is free for basic service
  - GuideStar Pro allows for a more in-depth search, but costs \$2,199.00 annually
  - [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)

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Candid.

Update Nonprofit Profile Products Candid insights Support

Hi Douglas Inman

GuideStar

# Look up nonprofits and identify prospects with Candid's GuideStar

Enter organization name or keyword

Search

Geography Organization Financials

STATE

Indiana - 44901

ZIP CODE

Enter zip code Radius

METRO STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)

44,901 results found. [Clear search](#)

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80/20 Foundation Trust Silver

Don Wood Foundation

Fort Wayne, IN | EIN: 82-3518678

GROSS RECEIPTS ⓘ

\$45,643,310

ASSETS

\$229,858,493



Indiana United Ways

Indiana United Ways Silver

Indiana United Ways

Indianapolis, IN | EIN: 35-1441961

GROSS RECEIPTS ⓘ

\$118,793,601

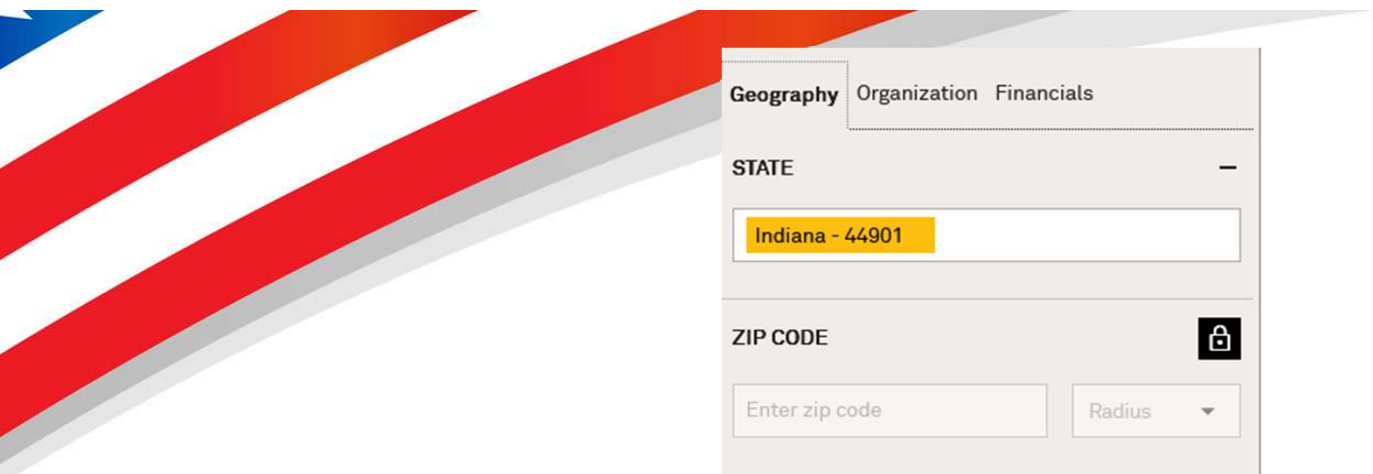
ASSETS

\$97,013,434



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**Geography** Organization Financials

STATE —

Indiana - 44901

ZIP CODE 

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METRO STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) 

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CITY —

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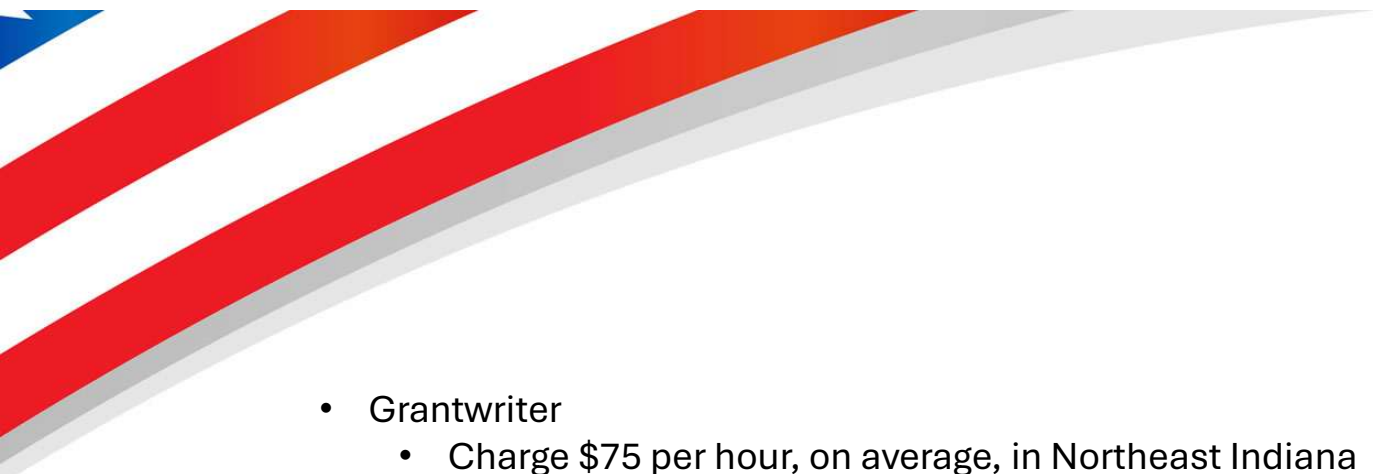




Who writes the grant proposals?

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- Grantwriter
    - Charge \$75 per hour, on average, in Northeast Indiana
  - Volunteer

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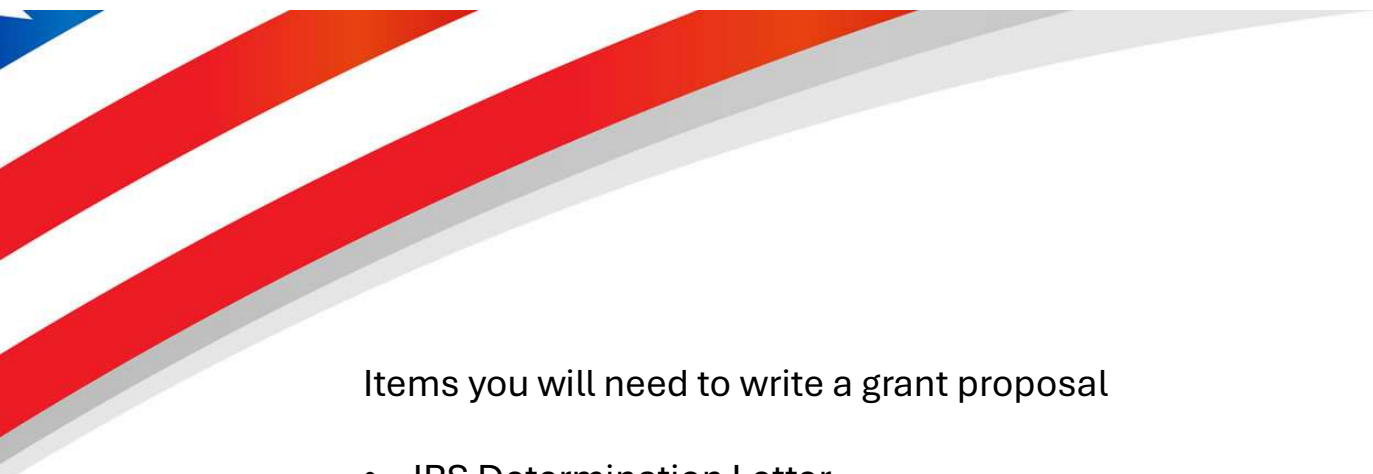




What does a grant proposal look like?

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Items you will need to write a grant proposal

- IRS Determination Letter
- List of Board of Directors
- Cost Estimates
- Financials from Previous Fiscal Year (Audit, Review, or Compilation if available)
- Current Fiscal Year-To-Date Financials

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**Applicant:**

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**Organization:**

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana   
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260-633-0049  
P.O. Box 5  
Huntertown, IN 46748

[Contact Email History](#)

If your organization information does not appear correct, please contact the funder. Thank you.

Application

Document Viewer

Application Packet

Question List



Due by 06/11/2025 12:00 PM EDT.

Fields with an asterisk (\*) are required.

Organization Information

Are you using a fiscal sponsor for this grant request?\*

☐ Yes  
☒ No

Is your organization a 501c3?\*

☒ Yes  
☐ No

Please attach IRS Determination Letter\*

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Project Name\*

Flight #49

Grantee Amount Requested (TPF will no longer accept applications asking for 100% of total project):\*

\$ 5,000.00

Total cost of project (TPF will no longer accept applications asking for 100% of total project):\*

\$ 125,000.00

Percent of total project:\*

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▼ Program Description

Briefly describe the project or program for which the funds are requested:\*

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana respectfully requests \$5,000 from The Portland Foundation to help fund its 49th Honor Flight on October 16, 2024. On that day 85 armed service veterans and their guardians will fly from Fort Wayne to Washington, DC to visit the monuments and memorials built in their honor.

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana is submitting grant proposals to Indiana Community Foundations in Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Elkhart, Fulton, Grant, Huntington, Jay, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marshall, Miami, Noble, St Joseph, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties because the overwhelming majority of the 3,481 veterans who have gone on the first 45 Flights are residents of those counties.

It is Honor Flight Northeast Indiana's hope that all 19 of the Indiana Community Foundations award a grant so that the 49th Flight will be completely underwritten by Indiana Community Foundations.

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Financial Information

How the project money will be spent:

1. Please attach purchase estimate and/or project bids:\*

Application has to include two competitive estimates (where applicable) or will not be considered

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Project items:

Item	Item Amount
A* Transportation	\$* 105,000.00
A Meals	\$ 8,500.00
A Keepsakes	\$ 11,500.00
A	\$
	125000



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## Through a Funder's Lens

- Funders award grants based upon mission
- Funders favorably look at requests that involve other funders
- Grantee Organizations gain credibility with potential donors when they are awarded grants from reputable funders
- Grantee Organizations' low overhead and bureaucracy is attractive to Funders
- Simple and Straightforward goals are attractive to Funders

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