



**The Next Generation: Education, Opportunity, Action**  
Request for Proposals  
July 2018

**Community Foundation of Westmoreland County**

The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County was founded in 1995 by local leaders of Westmoreland County to encourage philanthropy, build a sense of place, and embrace the spirit of community. Merging with the Pittsburgh Foundation in 2010, The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County continues to work with county residents to encourage that spirit of giving and investment in community organizations and residents. Our mission is to encourage local residents to become PHILANTHROPISTS, to provide GRANTS that support a wide variety of non-profit organizations, and serve as a COMMUNITY LEADER.

**Youth Philanthropy Internship Program**

In 2017, the Community Foundation Westmoreland County launched a summer internship program for students interested in philanthropy and the nonprofit sector. This program involves the participation of youth and young adults in local hands-on, enriching experiences surrounding philanthropy and education via the nonprofit sector. The valuable exposure the interns attain during this program is accomplished through interaction with local nonprofits in understanding the most pressing needs in our county and how charities systematically provide relief. One manner in which this goal is achieved is through our grantmaking team, which has chosen to promote the well-being of young adults, the future of our county.

**Statement of Need**

At the heart of our mission, we have an ambition to serve the most vulnerable of our population. Youth and young adult independence is essential for not only a community to flourish, but vital for individual lives to financially, personally, and professionally prosper. We aspire to assist young individuals to lead healthy lifestyles as a foundational investment to benefit our community as a whole. We believe that these efforts are building blocks towards the success of our region, since the current youth and young adult population is the future. Educational programs and opportunities to implement that knowledge are the optimal methods to guide

individuals to success. Our hope is that the lives of the individuals that compose the next generation be characterized by thriving, not just merely surviving.

## **Grant Overview**

The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County intern program is passionate about ensuring that youth have access to the educational programs that promote stability and self-sufficiency. We envision a world where all youth understand how to access the information and resources needed to be successful adults. While the total amount to be disbursed is \$35,000, the average grant award will be in the range of \$5,000-\$20,000. Please consider (and include, if applicable) additional sources of funding when submitting your project idea and grant request.

## **Eligible Applicants**

Applicants must be 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization or an institute of higher education serving Westmoreland County, such as (but not limited to):

- Civic and Community Groups
- Universities
- Educational Institutions
- Community Development Corporations
- Community Benefit Organizations

Examples of eligible programs include, but are not limited to:

- Workforce Development Programs
- College Preparation Programs
- Mental Health Programs
- Physical Health and Wellness Programs

Grants will not be awarded for:

- Programs that do not directly benefit teens and young adults within the age range of 14 - 24.

## **Review and Selection Process**

Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- The program takes place within Westmoreland County.
- The proposed program exhibits quality and provides potential impacts.
- The program's primary focus lies in improving the quality of life for ages 14-24 in Westmoreland County.
- The proposal's budget and timeline are realistic.

- The applying organization has a track record of success working with this population and the capacity for tracking measures of success.
- The program will improve the educational, social, emotional, and/or physical health of youth in our county.

## **Application Process**

To apply for this funding opportunity, the application along with additional information can be found in our online system. You can access your existing organizational profile or create a new one at: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=pittsburgh>

*The Next Generation: Education, Opportunity, Action* timeline:

RFP released: **Friday, July 13, 2018**

Application Due Date: **Sunday, July 29th by midnight ET**

Grantees Announced: **by Thursday, August 2, 2018**

RFP Check Presentation: **Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 5 PM**

Note: Selected applicants *must* send a representative (may be an employee, volunteer, board member, etc.) to an RFP check presentation ceremony at the Community Foundation office on Thursday, August 9th at 5:00 PM.

## **Questions**

*The Next Generation: Education, Opportunity, Action* is a program of The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County. Assistance will be available to answer any questions about the development of possible proposals or the completion of the application. Please direct RFP inquiries or questions regarding the Youth Philanthropy Internship Program to Courtney Williams, Program Manager, at [YPIP@cfwestmoreland.org](mailto:YPIP@cfwestmoreland.org)

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