
Spencer Fane Kansas City Charitable Grant Application – 2022

Supporting Innovative Arts Organizations

Thank you for your interest in the Spencer Fane Charitable Giving Program in Kansas City. We aim to provide significant support to select local nonprofit arts organizations through a \$50,000 donation to each over the course of three years. The program has been designed as a rotation so that one new recipient will enter the program each year with another exiting upon completion of its three-year cycle. This application is for the 2022 recipient in Kansas City.

Our primary goal for the program is to encourage long-standing relationships with nonprofit organizations and provide our employees with additional opportunities to become involved with the firm's causes. We seek to support opportunities that meet the firm's core philanthropic objectives:

- *Impact:* Concentrate charitable contributions to have maximum impact on select causes within the community.
- *Relationships:* Create opportunity to grow long-lasting relationships with organizations in the community.
- *Involvement:* Develop partnerships that allow our attorneys and staff an opportunity to become active participants in the nonprofit community.
- *Commitment:* Demonstrate the firm's commitment to each cause by dedicating resources over a three-year period to each organization selected for the program.
- *DEI:* Support organizations that share the firm's commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion both within our own firm and in the greater Kansas City community.

Criteria for Kansas City Recipient Selection

- Organizations that focus on the arts in Kansas City
- Organizations in which the Spencer Fane commitment will have a significant impact to their respective cause
- Organizations that provide our firm unique and creative ways to be involved in their cause
- Organizations that provide opportunity for Spencer Fane attorneys and staff to be involved as board members, committee members and/or volunteers

Grant Details

One new recipient is selected each calendar year and receives a 3-year \$50,000 donation. The donation is paid \$15,000 Year 1, \$15,000 Year 2, and \$20,000 Year 3. Previous recipients will be eligible to apply after a 2-year pause.

Application Process

- Grant application components are listed on the next page.
- Email a **single pdf** with the application and attachments to charitablegrant@spencerfane.com.

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- Applications are due **October 15, 2021**.
 - The recipient will be notified on or before **November 30, 2021**.

Grant Application Components – please include the following in your application:

1. Full GuideStar Nonprofit Profile (<https://www.guidestar.org/search>)
2. Brief description of your organization's previous year's accomplishments – maximum 1 page
3. Purpose of this funding request – maximum 3 pages - Please describe:
 - a. What you hope to accomplish (outputs and/or outcomes)
 - b. Your innovative and creative ideas regarding how you intend to work with Spencer Fane to accomplish the above
 - c. Your programs and/or the target population, number of individuals, and geographic area that will be reached by this proposal
 - d. How Spencer Fane attorneys and staff can get involved
4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – maximum 1 page – Please describe:
 - a. Why DEI is an important part of your organization's mission
 - b. How your organization fosters a diverse and inclusive culture among your own employees and volunteers, and how you promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the greater Kansas City community
5. List of your other current funding sources and uses (past 3 years)
6. Anything else you would like Spencer Fane to consider when reviewing your application