



The Berrien Community Foundation *is most interested in* funding Berrien County programs that:

- Take an **imaginative and innovative** approach;
- Focus on **prevention**;
- Solve **critical local problems** or address critical local needs;
- Can be **sustained** without continued funding from the community foundation;
- Encourage **collaboration and cooperation** among charities and do not duplicate existing services;
- **Unite and build** our communities behind a common goal;
- **Attract volunteer resources** and support; and
- Provide **leverage** for generating other funds or resources.

The Berrien Community Foundation typically *DOES NOT* fund:

- Annual fundraising campaigns;
- Routine operating expenses;
- Religious or sectarian purposes;
- Political purposes;
- Existing obligations or debts/liabilities;
- Grants to individuals;
- Endowment funds;
- Efforts which will require a commitment for long-term financial support; and
- Travel for groups such as school classes, clubs or sports teams.

Low priority is given to capital campaigns.

For further questions please call us at 269-983-3304.