



The Berrien Community Foundation For Good Grants is *most interested* in funding Berrien County programs that include some or all the following items. (Newly added criteria are highlighted)

For Good Grants are most interested in funding 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 and do not duplicate existing services
- Unite and build our communities behind a common goal
- Attract volunteer resources and support
- Provide leverage for generating other funds or resources
- **General operating expenses in some circumstances**
 - ✓ **Please note:** The agency requesting general operating expenses must show that the need is through no fault of their own (poor planning, negligence, etc.) and the agency must be in compliance with all laws and operating in good faith. *An example of this could be a situation where Federal funding that was expected has been suddenly reduced or rescinded.*
 - ✓ Requests for general operating expenses **must include a plan for future sustainability.**

For Good Grants typically *DO NOT* fund:

- Annual fundraising campaigns
- 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
- Travel for groups such as school classes, clubs or sports teams
- **Holiday specific food baskets/programs**

Low priority is given to capital campaigns.

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