

**William G. McGowan Charitable Fund
Request for Proposals & Eligibility Guidelines**

The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund is pleased to announce a funding opportunity in support of projects that proactively address the problems faced by homeless individuals. To honor the legacy of William G. McGowan who believed that every person has the potential to achieve if provided opportunities, the McGowan Fund is supporting initiatives that seek to correct circumstances contributing to and eradicate the condition of homelessness in the long term.

Grant Range: Open

Eligibility:

Applicants must meet *all* of the following eligibility criteria for consideration:

- Show proof of status as a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization
- Be located in one of the McGowan funded geographic regions
- Document a record of past success in program delivery
- Have a demonstrated, quantifiable track record of delivering successful support services that assist homeless individuals on a pathway to stabilization and self-sufficiency
- Include education or job training, job placement and retention
- Provide evidence-based support services to remove barriers toward self-sufficiency for individuals who are homeless. Other support services may include any or all of the following:
 - Mental Health Support
 - Life Skills, Parenting and/or Personal Budgeting Training
 - Post-Program Participant Follow Up
- Define clearly the key measurables, benchmarks and accountability standards for project participants
- Historically possess the ability to track and record long-term outcomes of program effectiveness and sustainable change

Successful applicants will propose funding to support programs that:

- Demonstrate knowledge of factors effecting homelessness in their region
- Seek to stabilize the lives of individuals who are homeless and assist them in achieving independence

To learn more about McGowan Fund general grant guidelines and complete an application, go to www.williamgmcgowanfund.org. Questions may be directed to linda.heath@williamgmcgowanfund.org 312-544-4412.

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