



Grant Application Process 2020 - 2021

Denton Benefit League

Questions:

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DBL Grants

- DBL has awarded over \$5.8 million dollars in grants since its inception in 1973
- Grants typically range in size from approximately \$1000 to \$15,000
- A list of Grants awarded last year can be found on the DBL website dentonbenefitleague.org
- The Grant pool for 2020-2021 year is being determined and should be available for publication mid August. *Due to COVID-19 our year end reconciliation has taken longer than expected.*



DBL Grants Process and Key Dates

- Grant Applications must be received electronically with all required supporting documents no later than **September 22nd**
 - Any Exception Requests must be submitted to the DBL Grant Chair no later than **September 15th**. If approved, include the Exception Request and approval confirmation email with your application
- Grant Applications are reviewed by the DBL Grants Committee for completeness and to ensure all requirements and eligibility are met
- Grant Applications are reviewed by local professionals for financial scoring
- Grant Applicants that meet all qualifications will be scheduled for a mandatory interview with the DBL Grant Committee on **October 21st and 22nd**
- DBL Grant Committee submits Grant recommendations to the DBL Board of Directors
- Grant recommendations are submitted to the DBL General Membership for a vote on **November 9th**
- Grant checks will be presented on **January 11th**
- Receipts for Grant expenditures will be due on **July 1st**



Organization Qualifications

- Benefit Denton County, north of Lake Lewisville
- Be community-based
- Verifiable nonprofit status
- Be locally governed
- Have 3 years continuous service in the local community
- Be nonpolitical
- Be nonsectarian
- Request funds for community/social service, education, culture and or local history
- Request funds that benefit the applicant organization only



What do DBL Grants Fund

- Capital expenditures
- Operational support (except wages and salary)
- Program support
- Limited construction

- *Funds are not provided for:*
 - Fundraisers
 - Capital campaigns
 - Grants, Awards or Scholarships for another organization
 - Research or pilot programs
 - See DBL Grant Policies for more details



Grant Application Key Points

- Use at least a 10-point font
- Responses are limited to the boxes provided
- Ensure all requested financial documents have been included

- Section 1 – General Information
 - Contact Person should be the person primarily responsible for completing the application
- Section 3 – Tax Exemption
 - Select the category that best describes the nature of your organization
- Section 4 – Organizational Information
 - Complete all questions



Grant Application Key Points cont.

- Section 5 – Grant Information
 - Describe how this grant will further the organization’s mission and goals
 - Describe how the organization will measure whether and to what extent this grant achieves its expected results
 - How will you know if this program was successful
- Section 6 – Grant Budget
 - Complete all questions or note NA for Not Applicable
- Section 8 – Financial Information
 - Complete all questions
 - Ensure all requested Financial Documents have been submitted



Contact

Email the DBL Grant Chair with any questions regarding the Grant Application and or process.

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