



The Detroit Pistons Foundation Grant Guidelines

The Detroit Pistons Foundation is a designated 501(c)3 public charity. It was originally founded in 1989 as the Pistons-Palace Foundation. Internal Revenue Service (Tax ID# 38-2858649).

Our Mission:

The mission of the Detroit Pistons Foundation is to administer funds for charitable purposes, principally, however, to devote its primary efforts to raise awareness and provide financial support statewide in the areas of volunteerism, youth leadership-athletics, youth leadership-entertainment and NBA League sponsored programs.

Grant Eligibility:

Organizations may apply for grants if they possess the following qualities:

VOLUNTEERISM

- To inspire and improve the quality of life for the residents of Michigan by supporting and celebrating those that give of themselves through service in the community
 - Volunteer delivery system, development and management
 - Impactful change in the community
 - Sustainability of volunteer efforts
- 501(c)3 status
- Located in the state of Michigan

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/ATHLETICS

- Inspiring and supporting the leadership, confidence and development of youth throughout Michigan through sports
 - Serving kids ages K-12 in Michigan
 - Supports educational success of youth (including college attendance) and/or development of leadership skills
 - Providing leadership, volunteerism, community service and/or mentoring for youth within athletics
- 501(c)3 status
- Located in the state of Michigan

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/ENTERTAINMENT

- Inspiring and supporting the leadership, confidence and development of youth throughout Michigan through entertainment
 - Serving kids ages K-12 in Michigan
 - Supports educational success of youth (including college attendance) and/or development of leadership skills
 - Providing leadership, volunteerism, community service and/or mentoring for youth within entertainment

- 501(c)3 status
- Located in the state of Michigan

Ineligible Requests:

- Endowment campaigns
- General and administrative costs
- Salaries for staff or individuals
- Pledges and commitments for more than one year

Grant submission requirements checklist:

- Cover letter and case statement summarizing key points of the proposal and amount of request
- Brief description of organization, its goals & objectives and role in the community, including who it serves and operating scope (population, number served, geography, etc.)
- Copy of Federal IRS 501c3 letter of determination
- Most recent audited financial statement of or filed tax form
- Operating budget for current fiscal year, including program budget
- A list of the board of directors
- Criteria by which the applicant will evaluate the success of the proposed project

Accountability Requirements:

- Submit copies of receipts for all purchases made in accordance with the grant purpose
- Submit a one-page review of how the grant funds were implemented one year after receipt

Selection Criteria:

- Program acts in accordance with the Detroit Pistons Foundation mission
- Budget items clearly support the objectives and activities

Range of Grant Awards: \$500-\$25,000

Please complete the enclosed application. If you choose to provide additional materials please note that they will not be returned.

Please email Liz Franklin at lfranklin@palacenet.com

**The Come Together Foundation
Grant Application**

Date of Application: _____

Legal Name of Organization Applying: _____

Year Founded: _____ **Current Operating Budget:** _____

Contact Name: _____

Charitable Registration Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Project Name: _____

Purpose of Grant (one sentence): _____

Dates of the Project: _____

Total Project Cost: \$ _____ **Amount of dollars requested: \$** _____

Signature, Executive Director

Date

Typed Name and Title

Please be as specific as possible and enclose additional pages if needed (5 page limit on the application, not including question 5 and the attachments). If you use a computer, please list the questions before your respond.

1. History:

Please describe the mission of your organization. Please also include the date of incorporation and programs that are offered. If your program is affiliated with any other organization or program, please explain.

2. Target Population:

Please describe the recipients in your organization and how they will benefit from your program. Please include where you program will be offered.

3. Program:

Please provide a concise description of the program which funding from the Come Together Foundation is requested. Include the goal of your project, why it is unique and the timeline in which it will be implemented. Also, please specify the purpose of the funds, and what other partners are involved if any, and their role.

4. Evaluation

Please describe your plans for evaluation, including who will be involved in the process, how success will be defined and measured, and how the information gathered will be used in the future to improve the program.

5. Budget:

Please include the following:

- Budget for the proposed project
- Current sources of income and amounts requested from other foundations, corporations, etc.
- Long-term strategies for funding this project at the end of the grant period
- Financial statements for the past year
- Organization's current annual operating budget, including expenses and revenue
- Most recent annual financial statement (independently audited, if available; if not available, attach Form 990)

6. Attachments

1. **A copy of the current IRS determination letter** indicating 501(c)3 tax-exempt status.
2. **List of Board of Directors with affiliations**
3. **Annual Report**, if available

False information or non-compliance to terms and conditions may lead to our request to refund funds. Full audit of program may be requested.