



LORAIN COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Commissioners: Stephen W. Bansek, Joseph A. Gee Sr., Sara Markle, Jose Torres, Samuel Wolfe

Lorain County Honor Fund GRANT APPLICATION

INTRODUCTION

On October 19, 2022, the Lorain County Commissioners (LCC) passed Res#22-742 authorizing the establishment of the Lorain County Honor Fund. This was done to continue assisting the Lorain County Veterans Service Commission (LCVSC) in furthering its statutory mission of assisting the Veterans of Lorain County. Each year the Fund will be replenished with an amount of not to exceed \$300,000 of monies left unspent in the LCVSC previous year's budget request.

The LCVSC intends for this program to be fair, straightforward, and easy to navigate. If you have questions regarding this program or its guidelines and application process, please do not hesitate to contact the Lorain County Veterans Service Commission Executive Director Jacob Smith at (440) 328-2442 or JacobS@lcvsc.com.

SECTION I - GENERAL TERMS:

FUNDING AVAILABILITY & USE OF FUNDS: The LCVSC envisions three major uses on how this money will be used for this grant application:

1. To encourage the building and maintenance of Veterans' memorials across the county.
2. Assist Veterans' posts located in the county with projects that they need in order to maintain or improve the post's operation. The purpose of this is to ensure that these posts have a future in Lorain County.
3. 10% of the funds deposited will be used for a workforce development program for county Veterans and their dependents.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: - All of these must be documented in writing.

- The post, park, memorial, organization, or Veteran must be located/have residence within Lorain County for at least the past 90 days.
- If the applicant is a Post, they must prove that they are currently and have been in good standing with their respective state-level organizations over the past year.
- The VSO, memorial, or Veteran cannot have any pending legal or tax issues with Lorain County, the State of Ohio, or the Federal government. (This can be a statement signed by the post commander)
- Final eligibility determinations shall be solely at the discretion of the LCVSC and then the LCC.

SUBMITTAL PROCESS: All completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted via email attachment to Jacob Smith, Executive Director Lorain County Veteran Service Commissioner, at JacobS@lcvsc.com. **APPROVAL PROCESS:** The LCVSC Commissioners will review received applications on

a rolling basis. All decisions and grant award amounts will be determined solely by the LCVSC with final approval by the LCC. Applicants, or organizations may be subject to background checks and credit reviews. They must sign any waivers needed to allow the county to share information with relevant lending institutions and obtain credit reports. Funding requests may be denied if applicants have outstanding collections, judgment liens, other court judgments, delinquent taxes, other tax liens, or if it is discovered that the applicant knowingly falsified information on the application. Applicants also agree not to disparage the County during the pendency of the application, including, but not limited to, social media posting. No post, memorial, or applicant shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with these funds.

NEEDED DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION: All applicants must submit the following:

1. Most current W-9 form
2. A VSO must give proof of good standing with its state department.
3. A Memorial must show that it documentation that it is a non-profit organization
4. If a memorial, or Park it must be located in Lorain County Ohio
5. A written explanation of why the post or memorial is making an application for this assistance and how the assistance will used.
6. Applicant or Organization must agree to produce receipts if requested after work is completed.
7. A contact person(s) must be listed and be available to answer questions by the LCVSC or staff.

Applications for this grant will not be considered until the LCSVC has received all documents. **Please note this application and all related materials are subject to public records requests.**



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APPLICATION FOR LORAIN COUNTY Honor Fund Grant

1. Organization Name: _____ Post # _____
2. Organization Address: _____
3. Contact Name: _____
4. Org. Phone Number: _____
5. Org. Email Address: _____
6. How long has your organization been in operation in Lorain County: _____
7. Do you Own or Rent a building or land? OWN RENT DON'T HAVE A BUILDING
8. Where is your post, park, or memorial located? _____
9. If you own land or a building, are you currently paying a mortgage on the property? YES NO
 - 9a. If yes, how much do you currently owe on the mortgage? \$ _____
10. How many fundraisers have you had in the past 18 months? _____
11. How much money has your organization raised (net) in the past 18 months? \$ _____
12. How much money are you requesting from the Lorain County Honor Fund? \$ _____
13. What is the expected timeline for the requested project's completion? _____
14. Is there anything else you would like the LCVSC Commissioners to know about your organization when considering your grant?

15. What does your organization plan to do with the grant money if given access to the requested funds? Please be as detailed as possible. Include any other documents that would support your application. For example, building plans, budget documents, quotes, photos of the location's present condition, etc.

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SUBMISSION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPLICANT AGREES TO AND ACKNOWLEDGES IN SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION; LORAIN COUNTY HAS THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN AND ACCESS LOCAL TAX RECORDS OF THE APPLICANT TO VERIFY ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE.

The undersigned certifies that they are authorized to complete, sign, and submit this application on behalf of the applicant/organization. Further, the undersigned certifies that the information contained in this application has been reviewed by him/her. All data, including additional documents, are complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge and accurately present the applicant's condition and project. Intentionally falsifying information in this document constitutes a criminal offense. The undersigned hereby authorizes the county to investigate the creditworthiness of the undersigned and/or applicant if the county deems it necessary. The undersigned understands that information submitted to the county as part of this application is considered a public record. The undersigned also agrees to display signage showing County support on their property for up to one (1) year after project completion if requested by the county. The undersigned understands that additional information may be required to finalize the approval process. The undersigned also understands that the submission of the application for financial assistance does not automatically constitute approval. The undersigned understands that if the Organization receiving grant funding fails to spend the money on the purpose for which the grant was awarded, the grant funding may be rescinded in its entirety. The undersigned waives any right or claim to the awarded funding. I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the policies and procedures outlined in this document. I further agree to be interviewed, photographed, and/or have my Veteran Service Organization photographed for economic development marketing purposes. If you have questions, please get in touch with the Lorain County Veteran Service Commission.

Name of ORGANIZATION making request:

By: (Print or type name and title)

Signature: