

BEREA KIWANIS CLUB

GRANTMAKING PROCESS

2026

The Berea Kiwanis is happy to announce its 4th Annual Grant Process. Kiwanis is a civic, non-profit international organization founded in 1915. Berea Kiwanis is one of more than 8000 clubs in the world and was founded in 1921. It has been a highly recognized and respected organization within Berea for 105 years!

The primary mission of Kiwanis is to “improve the world one child and one community at a time”. A secondary mission is to provide service and enhancement to the community in which we live.

The purpose of these grants is to demonstrate a visible and tangible commitment to the Kiwanis mission by striving to positively impact children and/or positively enhance the city of Berea. This is intended to have a broad interpretation with no constraints placed on the type of grants that are requested as long as they meet the criteria detailed below.

The maximum award for any given grant will be \$2500. After applying, members of Berea Kiwanis will evaluate the applications and decide how many grants to award. Depending on the evaluation, Berea Kiwanis is under no obligation to award any grants.

The following are the criteria for applying:

1. Awards will only be given to organizations recognized as exempt from taxation under Sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. This exempts individuals from applying who are not representing one of these non-profit organizations.

2. Educational institutions within the boundaries of the Berea City School District (to include pre-schools, elementary schools, middle school, high schools, and Baldwin Wallace University) and teachers employed by those institutions are also eligible to submit an application.
3. The grant requests must focus on the primary and/or secondary mission of Kiwanis and result in some kind of end product by no later than October 1, 2026. Events, activities, service projects, and purchasing specialized equipment are examples.
4. It is not intended that these grants be used for sustaining operation of the organization or to cover operating expenses. The goal is to produce a tangible product, event, or project, or equipment purchase. Organizations that submit a grant request may use matching funds or funding from another source in which Berea Kiwanis would then be considered a co-sponsor.
5. The highest priority will be for organizations and educational institutions based in Berea. The second priority will be organizations and educational institutions that reside within the cities that constitute the Berea-Midpark School District. The third priority will be Northeast Ohio, in general.

Below is the application in fillable Pdf format. Applications should be completely filled out and emailed to: Jeff Haas at jhaas49@yahoo.com by no later than **March 1, 2026**. The awardees will be announced by no later than **April 1, 2026**. It is intended a representative(s) from the organizations who receive a grant will attend a Tuesday evening Berea Kiwanis meeting to receive their check and briefly describe how the funding will be utilized. If possible, Berea Kiwanis members would like to do a “field trip” to see the results of their grant in action.

Any questions should be forwarded to Jeff Haas at jhaas49@yahoo.com or 440-227-9723.

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Name of Organization:

Contact Name, Email, and Phone (preferably cell):

Street Address:

City: Zip Code:

What is your EIN (Non-BCSD businesses only):

Describe your project, event, or activity that you will utilize the grant money for:

Describe the contribution or impact that your project, event, or activity will have on children and/or the community. Include an estimate of how many students will be impacted this year and in future years:

How much grant funding are you requesting?:

Please provide a cost breakdown associated with your total cost:

Are there any matching funds or additional funding being provided from an outside source? If so, please provide the details of how much, the source, and the certainty of obtaining this money:

What is your anticipated completion date?:

Any other factors or comments that Berea Kiwanis should take into consideration?: