



Staff Reviewed C1 Grant Applications and Follow-Up
 Recommendations to TFF Board – April 25, 2024

The TFF Staff reviewed the following grant requests.
 The TFF board is responsible for making the final decision on funding.

Summary of Staff Reviewed C1 2024 Formal Funding Requests				
ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	REQUEST AMOUNT	STAFF RECOMM.	BOARD DECISION
General Formal Funding Apps				
Community Foundation Serving West Central IL and Northeast MO	Brown County Teacher Fund	\$25,000	\$25,000	
Brown County Music Boosters	Mt. Sterling Concert Series	\$30,000	\$30,000	
Jacksonville Promise NFP	2024 Support Grant	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Liberty CUSD #2	Computers for Computer Lab	\$14,000	\$14,000	
Quincy Public Schools Foundation	QHS Alumni Program	\$8,648.60	\$8,648.60	
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	2024 FCA Ministry Grant	\$32,500	\$25,000, then \$7,500 1:1 Challenge	
The Phast Foundation	Phast Tracks	\$25,000	Site Visit	
Quincy Art Center	Youth Art Programs	\$30,000	\$25,000	
LifePoint Church	Global Leadership Summit	\$4,000	\$4,000	
C3 2023 Site Visit Follow-up				
Trinity Classical Academy	Scholarships for Families Experiencing Economic Hardships	\$50,000	\$30,000	
	TOTAL	\$204,148.60	Up to \$196,648.60	

Staff Reviewed C1 2024 Formal Funding Requests Project Details

Community Foundation Serving West Central IL and Northeast MO – Brown County Teacher Fund

Request Amount: \$25,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$25,000

About the Organization: The Quincy, IL Community Foundation seeks to connect people who care with causes that matter.

History of Funding: TFF has partnered with the Community Foundation in various ways over many years.

Summary of Project: The Community foundation holds a fund created to award grants for Brown County teacher projects that would not be typically included in the school district budget. Each Spring, Brown County School District educators are invited to apply for grants. Action Brown County manages the application process and has a committee that reviews the applications and makes funding decisions based upon the funds available at the Community Foundation. Applications are submitted online, and the committee reviews them based upon the quality of the project, whether it significantly advances education, and whether it is less likely to be funded through traditional school district funds. There are always more applications than funds available. Recently the Community Foundation funds have run very low and TFF's funds would help to replenish it. Action Brown County is also organizing fundraisers and public appeals to raise money for the fund.

Income & Expense Detail:

- Income: In addition to TFF, the fund is supported by private donations.
- Expenses: All funds support Brown County teacher projects, except for Community Foundation fund fees.

Follow-up Needed: TFF funding will not be publicly shared to encourage private donations through fundraising efforts.

Status of Follow-up:

Staff Recommendation: Full funding, \$25,000.

Board Decision:

Brown County Music Boosters – Mt. Sterling Concert Series

Request Amount: \$30,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$30,000

About the Organization: The Brown County Music Boosters is a volunteer group with a mission to promote and encourage community support for music programs in Brown County, Illinois.

History of Funding: TFF provided a \$5,000 grant to the Brown County Music Boosters for a much smaller vision of an uptown concert in 2020, but due to Covid-19, the event was cancelled and 100% of the funds were returned.

Summary of Project: They are requesting \$30,000 to hold the first of a series of concerts in uptown Mt. Sterling. The goal would be to secure funds to offer a first concert with higher caliber talent than we have had in the past and then to build momentum to host additional concerts throughout the summer. The additional concerts would be paid for through accumulating proceeds. Brown County residents have repeatedly expressed a desire to have more entertainment options in Mt. Sterling and music has proven to be an effective recreational draw in neighboring communities. Additionally, the uptown Mt. Sterling district provides a scenic locale for a concert. TFF Staff have proactively curated this idea.

Income & Expense Detail:

- Income: In addition to TFF, the BC Music Boosters will dedicate funds to future concerts and expect \$15,000 in ticket sales.
- Expenses: Talent (\$18,000), stage support (\$1,200), stage (\$2,500), sound (\$3,000), bathroom rental (\$1,150), marketing (\$1,000), hotel for talent (\$800), misc. (\$1,650), and insurance (\$700).

Follow-up Needed: None.

Status of Follow-up:

Staff Recommendation: Full funding, \$30,000.

Board Decision:

Jacksonville Promise NFP – 2024 Support Grant

Request Amount: \$35,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$205,250 **Organization Budget:** \$205,250

About the Organization: The mission of the Jacksonville Promise is to improve the community of Jacksonville, IL through the provision of scholarship support to Jacksonville high school graduates that continue their education at a Jacksonville college.

History of Funding: TFF has provided a Formal Funding Grant to the Jacksonville Promise program consistently since 2017. They have received 7 Formal Funding grants and 8 Capacity Grants from TFF over the years.

Summary of Project: The Jacksonville Promise Program is requesting \$35,000 to support general operating expenses and to provide scholarships for their eligible recipients. They would plan to use the Tracy Family Foundation funds to underwrite overhead, as well as support the general mission. They would like to tell prospective donors that 100% of their money goes to scholarship support because the Tracy Family Foundation funds cover all overhead expenses.

Income & Expense Detail:

- Income: TFF Funding = \$35,000... Individual contributions = \$73,000... Other Grants = \$32,750... Corporate Donations = \$7,250... Endowment Income = \$40,000.
- Expenses: Insurance = \$1,350... Marketing = \$10,000... Donor & Accounting Software = \$4,000... Tax Preparation = \$1,000... Scholarships = \$185,900... Fundraising Dinner Expenses = \$3,000.

Follow-up Needed: None.

Status of Follow-up:

Staff Recommendation: Full funding, \$35,000.

Board Decision:

Liberty CUSD #2 – Computers and School Culture Project

Request Amount: \$14,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$24,875 **Organization Budget:** \$7,913,860

About the Organization: Liberty is a PreK-12 public school in Liberty, IL.

History of Funding: Liberty Schools have received many Formal Funding and Capacity Building grants over multiple years. Most recently, in 2023, they were awarded a Capacity Building grant for school leader coaching, and in 2022, they secured Formal Funding for their STEM lab.

Summary of Project: Liberty is seeking \$10,000 to acquire 10 computers and an additional \$4,000 for a school culture service program. While they have already secured the initial \$10,000 to support the purchase of new computers, they need a total of 20 computers to replace their existing outdated equipment. Their school culture initiative centers around community engagement, with most of the \$4,000 earmarked for organizing a community meal where students actively serve the community and showcase ongoing projects and programs within the school.

Income & Expense Detail:

- Income: Liberty will contribute \$10,000 to the computers and \$875 for the school culture project.
- Expenses: \$10,000 will go towards new computers and \$4,000 will be used for food and activities associated with the school culture project.

Follow-up Needed: None.

Status of Follow-up:

Staff Recommendation: Full funding, \$14,000.

Board Decision:

Quincy Public Schools Foundation – Formal Funding Grant for QHS Alumni Program		
Request Amount: \$8,648.00	Total Project Budget: \$27,111.65	Organization Budget: \$515,484.27
<p>About the Organization: The mission of the Quincy Public Schools Foundation is to support the academic programs and other projects of the Quincy, IL Public School District.</p> <p>History of Funding: TFF has provided multiple Formal Funding and Capacity Building grants to the Quincy Public Schools Foundation over the years.</p> <p>Summary of Project: The Quincy Public Schools Foundation is requesting \$8,648.00 to support outreach to the Quincy High School Alumni. The money from this grant will be put toward increasing the work hours of QPSF's current office manager, giving her an additional ten hours per week for one year to focus on developing fundraising efforts. They've identified the need to increase donors, have not really tapped their alumni, and believe that a focus upon alumni could substantially increase their donor base and revenues.</p> <p>Income & Expense Detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income: TFF Funding = \$8,648.60... Quincy Public Schools Foundation contribution = \$18,463.05 Expenses: Salaries / Wages = \$25,185... Benefits = \$1,926.65. 		
Follow-up Needed: None.		
Status of Follow-up:		
Staff Recommendation: Full funding, \$8,648.		
Board Decision:		

Fellowship of Christian Athletes – 2024 FCA Ministry Grant		
Request Amount: \$32,500	Total Project Cost: \$394,312	Organization Budget: \$394,312
<p>About the Organization: FCA's goal is to impact communities, coaches, and athletes with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by using the platform of sport and instilling four core values: Teamwork, Integrity, Service, and Excellence.</p> <p>History of Funding: They have received multiple Capacity Building and Formal Funding grants over many years. Most recently, they received a \$12,500 Formal Funding grant for their 2024 Youth Trip, a \$5,000 Capacity Building grant in 2023, and a Formal Funding grant for \$30,000 in 2023.</p> <p>Summary of Project: They are requesting \$32,500 for operating expenses to provide their ministry support of coaches and athletes in West Central IL.</p> <p>Income & Expense Detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income: TFF Funding = \$32,500... Individuals = \$136,786... TFF Capacity Building = \$11,000... Events & Fundraising = \$110,991... Other Donations = \$8,500... Intra-agency = \$106,184 Expenses: Salaries & Wages = \$156,461... Insurance & Benefits = \$37,184.... Banquets/Speakers = \$18,500... Travel = \$1,630... Equipment = \$280... Supplies = \$280... Marketing = \$3,346... Training & PD = \$4,733... Events = \$50,464... Misc. = \$337... Intra-agency = \$127,805... Couples' Ministry Program = \$6,500 		
Follow-up Needed: None.		
Status of Follow-up:		
Staff Recommendation: \$25,000 immediate grant, and a 1:1 Challenge Grant of up to \$7,500 by 12/1/2024.		
Board Decision:		

The Phast Foundation – Phast Tracks	
Request Amount: \$25,000	Total Project Budget: \$75,000
<p>About the Organization: This is a new organization to Quincy, IL that is building an indoor mountain bike park. Their mission is to promote health and service together in exciting and unique ways in the communities they live.</p> <p>History of Funding: They received a Matching Grant in 2023 for \$3,090. This is their first Formal Funding Grant application.</p> <p>Summary of Project: They are requesting \$25,000 to assist in the installation of a radiant heat system for the indoor mountain bike park.</p> <p>Income & Expense Detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income: TFF Funding = \$25,000...Private donations = \$50,000 Expenses: Radiant heat system = \$40,000... Installation/staff = \$35,000 	
Follow-up Needed: Site visit to get a better understand the project, finances, timeline, etc.	
Status of Follow-up:	
Staff Recommendation: Site visit.	
Board Decision:	

Quincy Art Center		
Request Amount: \$30,000	Total Project Cost: \$116,073	Organization Budget: \$478,460.62
<p>About the Organization: The Quincy Art Center connects people to the power of art by creating opportunities to experience, make and share art. They offer a wide variety of programs including studio classes and workshops, their Start with Art Initiative in schools, tour and group activities, exhibitions, and more.</p> <p>History of Funding: They have received numerous Formal Funding, Capacity Building, and Matching grants over the years. Most recently, they received \$19,285 from a Formal Funding challenge grant in 2023. They also recently received a \$5,000 video storytelling Capacity Building grant.</p> <p>Summary of Project: The Quincy Art Center is requesting \$30,000 for youth art education initiatives facilitated by the Quincy Art Center. Their comprehensive programs aim to impact a broad spectrum of young learners, including 1,300 K-3rd graders in local schools, 80 underprivileged youth benefiting from full scholarships for Quincy Art Center classes, and 668 students participating in tours at significantly reduced fees--60% below cost.</p> <p>Income & Expense Detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income In addition to TFF funds, \$25,667 from the government, \$21,296 from individual contributions, \$3,000 from the community foundation, \$3,000 from corporations, \$27,160 from program service fees, \$4,200 from membership income, and \$1,750 from Kiwanis Expenses \$88,386 for salaries and insurance, \$12,067 for rent, \$3,000 for marketing, \$12,300 for supplies, and \$320 for travel 		
Follow-up Needed: None.		
Status of Follow-up:		
Committee Recommendation: Partial funding, \$25,000.		
Board Decision:		

LifePoint Church – Global Leadership Summit	
Request Amount: \$4,000	Total Project Cost: \$4,000
About the Organization: LifePoint Church is a nondenominational Christian church in Quincy, IL.	
History of Funding: LifePoint received a \$1,500 Youth Trip grant in 2023 for their Guatemala Mission Trip.	
Summary of Project: The Global Leadership Summit has been empowering leaders worldwide for over 30 years. The two-day leadership summit (August 8-9, 2024) features inspiring leadership experts live in Barrington, IL, but simulcast at hundreds of sites around the world. Prior to Covid-19, The Crossing Church in Quincy hosted the Summit, but stopped after the pandemic. TFF Staff have proactively sought to resurrect the opportunity with a new Quincy site and LifePoint has agreed. TFF Staff regularly use past Summit speaker videos as professional development during staff meetings.	
Income & Expense Detail:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income: In addition to TFF, LifePoint is providing in-kind volunteer staff, marketing, and their facility. • Expenses: TFF funds will be used for lunches and snacks during the two-day Summit. 	
Follow-up Needed: None.	
Status of Follow-up:	
Staff Recommendation: Full funding, \$4,000.	
Board Decision:	

Trinity Classical Academy – Scholarships for Families Experiencing Economic Hardships	
Request Amount: \$50,000	Total Project Cost: \$436,474
About the Organization: The mission of Trinity Academy in Industry, IL is to provide classical education combining Christ-centered focus with academic excellence.	
History of Funding: Trinity last applied for and received a Formal Funding grant in 2019 for \$15,000. They also received two Covid-19 grants for \$5,000 each and have received multiple Capacity Building grants.	
Summary of Project: They are requesting \$50,000 to offer scholarships and essential support to families facing economic hardships, ensuring that the light of classical education shines brightly for all, making it an accessible and transformative learning opportunity. Their goal is to revive and promote the classical education method as a beacon of opportunity for all. They want vibrant classrooms where young minds are not just filled with facts but ignited with curiosity. Since 2015, they've seen their student body expand from just 5 students to a flourishing enrollment of 100 in the 2022/23 academic year.	
Income & Expense Detail:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income: In addition to TFF, Trinity is supported by tuition income and private donations. • Expenses: TFF funds will be used to provide tuition scholarships for families in need. 	
Follow-up Needed: The TFF Board recommended a site visit in C3, 2023.	
Status of Follow-up: Angie Schlater and Dan Teefey completed the site visit on January 25, 2024. Angie and Dan found the administrative leadership strong, and the school continues to grow. Their model is unique, and they continue to attract students from a large area with many students coming from Macomb, IL. Many of their school families have limited income and fully supporting the school through tuition is highly unlikely. Thus, they will need to continue to be creative in raising private funds for the school. While TFF Staff support the school's work, they recommend less than full funding to continue to motivate the school's fundraising efforts.	
Staff Recommendation: Partial funding, \$30,000.	
Board Decision:	