

GRANTMAKING with the ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Moving from making simple charitable gifts to impactful grantmaking requires a thoughtful, strategic approach. When done well, strategic grantmaking can bring you great rewards. The St. Louis Community Foundation’s team of experts will assist you with refining the results you wish to achieve through your philanthropy and developing a plan to make it happen.

The following menu outlines the activities that our team can provide as you explore the grantmaking strategy that fits you best. You can choose any or all of the following options.

<p>Identification of Giving Interests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine who will be involved in giving (donors, families, professional advisors, successors) • Interview those involved with giving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What values you want to reflect in your giving ○ What issues are important to you ○ What your interests are ○ What your past giving has been ○ What impact you want to have • Find commonalities and suggest fields of interest or grant making initiatives
<p>Strategy Sessions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define giving success: what impact or difference do you want to make • Explore family values and their impact on where and how you give • Develop a charitable mission statement • Solidify giving fields or sectors of interest • Establish geographic priorities • Discuss interplay between your fund with the St. Louis Community Foundation and other individual and family giving • Define involvement of successors (e.g. children & grandchildren) • Introduce grantmaking best practices
<p>Grantmaking Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine application process (e.g., invitation only, LOI and grant application, grant application only, site visits) • Select types of grants (e.g., general operating support, program grants, capital projects, multi-year funding, etc.) • Finalize the selection process
<p>Grantmaking Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate with the community and solicit grant requests • Identify and vet nonprofits for potential grants • Manage the competitive process • Coordinate grant payments • Establish grant reporting process • Analyze and consolidate reporting • Evaluate impact
<p>Facilitation of Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop agendas and prepare meeting materials • Organize generative discussions that lead to a greater understanding of current trends in interest areas • Record and disseminate meeting minutes • Ensure all follow-up activities occur in a timely manner

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