

Grant Application Packet



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GRANT PROCEDURE

Variety funds will be distributed twice a year. Applicants are allowed to apply once a year. The amount of money available will be determined by the previous year's fundraising. Variety of Eastern Tennessee reserves the right to make changes to its grant process or its program criteria at any time.

An initial paper review of applications will be conducted followed up by an agency visit. The Board may request or require additional information regarding an individual applicant and/or its proposed use of funds.

GRANT PHILOSOPHY

Variety of Eastern Tennessee will grant funds only to those not-for-profit organizations that serve the needs of at risk, disabled or disadvantaged children in the Eastern Tennessee area (eastern time zone).

Variety of Eastern Tennessee **will not** grant to:

- Agencies that serve adults, defined as individuals over **19** years of age.
- Agencies that are **for profit**.
- Religious agencies where proselytizing is a part of the service provided.
- Agencies requesting funds for **salaries** or **operational expenses**.
- Vehicles.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for a Variety grant an organization must be:

- Exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code
- Must agree to use the Variety grant only for purposes that are charitable or educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code
- An equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, marital status, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Grant Questionnaire follows on the next page. Please follow the instructions below in completing the Questionnaire, the Budget and Funding Forms, and the Grant Agreement that follow. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at carol.fusco@varietytn.org.

Applicants are required to initially submit an electronic copy of the application and required documentation via email by the deadline. Additionally, a hard copy must be sent to Variety by mail. Please note that grants delivered by hand will not be accepted.

DEADLINES

March 1st

September 1st

- **Applications must be typed and on 8 ½ X 11 paper.**
 - *Please note the application provided is a word document and can be easily edited with your information.*
 - *Please do not use your own variation.*
 - *Please do not put the application on your agency company letterhead.*
- **All questions must be answered and in the order they are presented for the application to be accepted.**
- **Include cover letter on agency company letterhead.**
- **Fasten the application in a secure manner by either using staples or binder clips.**

Include each of the following electronically (via email) hard copy (via mail):

- Cover Letter
- Completed Application
- Most recent Audit prepared by an independent CPA if gross revenue is \$500,000 or more. If gross revenue is less than \$500,000, and the organization does not have audits it may submit the most recent financial statement accompanied by an independent CPA's review.
- Most recent Financial Statements
- Current list of Board of Directors
- Most current filed 990 Form
- 501(c)(3) Determination Letter
- Explanation of how Variety will be recognized for grant and partnership. ex. signage, newsletters, photographs, etc.

Email Completed Application and Supporting Documentation to:
CAROL.FUSCO@VARIETYTN.ORG

MAIL Hardcopy to: Hand delivered grants will not be accepted.

Variety of Eastern Tennessee
Attn: Carol Fusco
101 E. Blount Ave
Knoxville, TN 37920

GRANT APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Organization Information

- 1) Date:
- 2) Name of organization:
- 3) Contact person and title:
- 4) Contact person number:
- 5) Contact person email address:
- 6) Organizations complete physical address:
- 7) Organizations complete mailing address:
- 8) Organizations phone number:
- 9) Organizations EIN number:
- 10) Requested Grant Amount:
- 11) Previous Variety grants awarded:
(List each year, amount and purpose.)

Answer the questions below as you would for someone who is totally unfamiliar with your organization. *Please limit your answers to 200 words.*

Mission and Priorities

- 12) What is the organization's mission?
- 13) What is the purpose of your organization?
- 14) What services does your organization provide?

The following questions relate to the specific program for which you are requesting grant funding. Please try to give as much detail while being clear, precise and as brief as possible when answering the following questions.

- 15) Provide a concise yet detailed description of the program for which you are seeking funding.
- 16) Outline how your organization intends to utilize the funding requested from Variety of Eastern Tennessee.
- 17) If the purpose of equipment, materials or supplies is proposed, describe the item/s and include price quotes on the vendor's stationery.

Community Served

- 18) How many children will this **GRANT** serve?
- 19) What are the ages of the children this **GRANT** will serve?
- 20) What is the geographic (county) area being served by this program? (If serving schools please list all locations as well)
- 21) Are there other organizations that provide the same services in the area you are requesting funding? If so, please list.
- 22) Describe the value in the community that this program provides.
- 23) Is there existing independent research highlighting the necessity for this program? If yes, to what degree can the program offered by your organization address this identified need?
- 24) What financial criteria must individuals meet to be eligible for participation in this program?

Human Resources

- 25) Number of Employees; state the names and qualifications of staff persons with titles.
- 26) Number of volunteers?
- 27) How many paid employees do you have?

Program Management

- 28) Explain how the organization plans to assess the effectiveness of its program/services across different time frames:
 - Short-Term Results –
 - Medium-Term Results –
 - Long-Term Results –

- 29) Detail the specific outcomes or milestones that your organization anticipates accomplishing through the utilization of funds from Variety.

Expected Results:

- 30) Provide details on how Variety will be acknowledged for its grant and partnership, such as through signage, newsletters, photographs, and other relevant means of recognition.

Financial Resources

- 31) List **separately** each of the organization's corporate, foundational or government funding sources.
- 32) In addition to the funding sources listed above, is a local fundraising campaign held or other fund-raising events held? If so, describe each and list the dollar amount raised for each.
- 33) If the organization is a current recipient, and *Variety* funds have leveraged its ability to obtain specific other resources (financial, in-kind etc.), describe them.
- 34) Please indicate if your organization is currently a recipient of a Regal Foundation grant and if so, please list amount, dates and purpose.

Final Issue

- 35) If there are any additional aspects about the organization or the intended use of a Variety grant that the board should be aware of, provide a brief statement.

BUDGET FORM

Name of Organization _____

Fiscal/Calendar Year _____ to _____

EIN # _____

Complete the following form on a yearly basis for grant reporting. If your organization operates on a fiscal year different from the calendar year, please specify the start and end dates of your fiscal year.

Expenses:	(A) Variety Program or Project Requesting Funding For	(B) All Other Programs	(C) Total Organizations Operating Budget (A+B=C)
A. Personnel Costs *	\$	\$	\$
Employees (No.____)			
Benefits:			
Other:			
B. Non-Personnel Costs			
Space			
Equipment			
Supplies			
Telephone			
Travel			
Training			
Capital Expenditures			
Insurance			
Audit			
Contract Services			
Dues and Fees			
Other			
Transportation			
Other			
Other			
Other			
C. Total Costs	\$	\$	\$

***Note, Variety will not grant funds for salaries.**

SOURCES OF FUNDING

List each source of funding separately

Sources of Funding	(A) Variety Project Requesting Funding For	(B) All Other Programs	(C) Total Organizations Operating Budget (A+B=C)
1. Variety grant requested	\$	\$	\$
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Total Revenue			

GRANT AGREEMENT

If granted *Variety* funds,

(Organization Name)

Agrees to:

1. Execute the project outlined in the application.
2. Provide progress reports to the Executive Director of Variety as stipulated.
3. Return any unutilized funds to Variety of Eastern Tennessee.
4. Acknowledge Variety for the grant and partnership through means such as signage, newsletters, photographs, etc.

Date _____

Name of Applicant

Signature of Program Director

Signature of Board Member

EIN #



Variety Community Grant Progress Report

Please complete one year from receiving funding.

Organization Name:

Organization Contact Information:

Reporting Period Dates:

Amount of Funding Received:

Please provide a one-sentence description of the project.

Please describe how the Variety donation expanded the organization's mission/work.

Please provide metrics to show impact of the donation.

Please provide any additional thoughts/insights you wish to share.

Kindly outline the ways in which Variety was acknowledged for its grant and partnership contributions, such as through signage, newsletters, photographs, and other mediums. Additionally, if available, please provide links to relevant social media posts that highlight these recognitions.