

Grant Guidelines



Mission and Grant Focus

The mission of the Doris and Victor Day Foundation is to meet human needs in the Quad City Area.

The Foundation believes it should be accessible to the community. It offers the service of the Executive Director to consult with anyone considering a grant application or needing advice if the office is contacted before the application deadline. **(The deadline is the last Friday in May of the current year).**

Program Interests

The Directors of the Foundation are committed to a policy of flexibility. They do not want to establish rigid regulations that limit the creative ability to meet needs as they arise in the community. There are a few guidelines that the Foundation follows:

We will fund grants for the program, operating, and capital expenses that focus on the area:

- **Meeting basic human needs, medical care, shelter, and food. We have funded organizations that addressed emergency assistance, affordable housing, childcare, job training, support programs, scholarships, and education, which have been the focus of many grants.**

Geographical Focus

While there is no geographical restriction on the physical location of a qualified organization, grant proposals are restricted to proposals that serve the people of Rock Island County and Scott County of the Quad Cities.

Grant Restrictions

The Foundation only grants to charitable organizations recognized by the IRS as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We will not fund

- Grants to individuals.
- Individual scholarships (undergraduate/graduate).
- Religious organizations are applying for sectarian programs.
- We refrain from financially supporting fundraising events.
- Organizations that discriminate by not practicing or supporting full equality.

About the Foundation

The Doris and Victor Day Foundation began its operations as a grantmaking foundation in 1987 with \$10 million that was bequeathed from the estate of Doris Dammann Day. The Days loved the community where they lived and where their business, Bear Manufacturing, was headquartered and grew to become a leader in automotive safety. They established the Foundation for the betterment of their community. Doris Dammann Day hoped Rock Island would be a *"better place"* for future generations.

The guidelines are subject to change, and exceptions may be considered at the discretion of the Directors. Alterations to the guidelines will be communicated through the website. We encourage you to check back frequently for the latest information.