

# 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 and offers the service of the Executive Director to consult with anyone considering a grant application or in need of advice, as long as the office is contacted prior to the application deadline. **(Deadline is May 31, 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:

- Direct services in health, education, youth development, community development, culture, and basic human need.
- Organizations or projects that are working to reduce poverty and injustice and promote democratic values, free expression, and human achievement.

## 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 makes grants to charitable organizations that have been recognized by the IRS as described in Section 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## We will not fund

- Grants to individuals.
- Individual scholarships (undergraduate/graduate).
- Religious organizations are applying for programs that are sectarian.
- 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 in which 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. It was Doris Dammann Day's hope that Rock Island would "be a better place" for future generations.