

Racial equity & justice GRANT PROGRAM

MARION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Marion Community Foundation's vision is a generous, educated, healthy, collaborative & vibrant community.

To achieve this vision, equity and justice must be one of the core values of a community. The Foundation's logo is a fountain with surrounding ripples. We believe in being the fountain that can help create the ripple of equitable change in our community. In that spirit, Marion Community Foundation is proud to announce the

Racial Equity & Justice Grant Program

for Marion County, Ohio, for 2022.

The Foundation has **\$50,000** available which may be awarded for this program. This amount may be distributed in full to one organizational recipient or several smaller grants to multiple organizations. A volunteer committee of Marion Community Foundation and its Board of Directors make determinations of how much and to whom the grants will be awarded.

Any charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization or equivalent - which includes churches, schools & governmental entities - looking to improve racial equity and justice in Marion County is eligible to apply. Grants may be to new or existing programs.

APPLICATIONS for this grant program will be available on www.MarionCommunityFoundation.org beginning February 1, 2022, and will be due on March 9, 2022, at Noon.

Deadline is March 9.

The review process will conclude in late April, with awards being announced in May 2022.

Marion Community Foundation realizes that racial equity and justice is a multifaceted issue and achieving it will take much time and effort by numerous people on the local, state, national, and even international levels. The Racial Equity & Justice Grant Program by itself will not solve the problems of racial inequity and injustice; but, we hope, will create another ripple in the evolution of our society to become more equitable and just.



Evaluated on both community need and a clearly stated effectiveness of meeting that need, **Racial Equity & Justice Grants** will be awarded to charitable, educational, governmental & religious programs in Marion County that meet one or more of the following purposes:

- *Advancing matters of fairness and justice with a critical focus on the systems that affect communities of color - specifically economic and social justice*
- *Seeking to redress the root causes of systemic racism in our community*
- *Increasing the amount and effectiveness of resources aimed at combating institutional and structural racism*
- *Building capacity, strengthening education, and enhancing collaboration in the fields of racial and social justice/equity*
- *Emphasizing structural transformation in the field of racial justice and racial equity*
- *Transforming the lives of people of color*
- *Supporting efforts to strengthen relationships between marginalized communities and law enforcement*
- *Building the capacity of nonprofits and community organizations to bring about impactful, measurable improvements in racial equity*
- *Educating all people about racial equity and social justice*
- *Promoting racial healing activities, solutions to race-related challenges, systems change to address racial inequalities, and story-telling initiatives to help understand marginalized experiences*
- *Reducing barriers to opportunity*

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