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| Smith Trust Grant Application ProcessThe deadline to apply for grant money for history-related projects from the W. E. Smith Family Charitable Trust is April 15.Each year the Smith Trust awards grants to assist community history museums, schools, and local organizations with programs and projects that must be in keeping with the purpose of “the Fund” to support the promotion of, study, and appreciation of the local and regional history of Oxford, Ohio, as well as to Butler County, and immediately adjacent counties in Southwestern OhioWho Can Apply?Grant applications are accepted from local historic museums; organizations conducting truly historic projects, such as the history of their organization or celebrating a significant anniversary of the organization, or a community; or school projects or programs that delve into area history (including support for scholarship funds for student families without the means to participate in field trip experiences related to history); village and city programs that involve the community’s history. The fund cannot, typically, support major historic restoration projects.How Much Money is Available?The Fund annually generates approximately $100,000 a year that is awarded to applicants in varying amounts, some partially, others in full, depending on the competitive strength of the applications, and the amounts requested. Some request modest grants to help, for example, with cataloguing, caring for or protecting museum collections. Others are for production of visit brochures or historic event programs or materials, and others, the publishing of booklets or histories, in addition to mounting exhibits, and the school-related programs and projects. Copies of publications automatically are provided to the Smith Library of Regional History, a unit of the Lane Library housed at the Oxford Branch.How to Apply All applications must have the sponsorship of a non-profit organization, and must include ein/tax ID number for the non-profit applicant and sent to:First Financial Wealth ManagementW.E. Smith Family Charitable TrustATTN: Holly Trobock1 E. 4th StreetCincinnati, OH 45202Due date is April 15  (a second round of funding has an October 15 deadline (if funds remain available)When Does the Project Have to be completed?The grant period for FY 2024 projects is July 2024 through July 2025.The following criteria are used to evaluate grant applications: *I. Project Need The application explains why the project has a truly local focus, and why it needs grant funding.II. Project Benefit The application clearly describes the project's impact on the community and explains how this will further the knowledge base of local history. III. Project Methodology The project narrative contains the requisite local activities, or program outcomes for achieving the goal and completing the project. IV. A budget must accompany applications, including quotes or bids to document estimated needs.* |