

Grant Research Report

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Introduction

This Grant Research Report was prepared specifically to support **Evergreen Community Alliance's** fundraising efforts by identifying private grantors whose missions, values, and giving priorities align with your work.

■ Each funder included here was selected based on:

- **Geographic focus:**
 - Berkshire County
 - Western Massachusetts region
 - Statewide
 - New England
 - National
- **Mission alignment**
- **Funding scope and priorities:** community development, conservation, and environmental initiatives
- **Eligibility criteria**
- **Recent giving history**

In the following pages, you'll find detailed notes for each prospective funder, along with tips for strengthening your approach. Securing grant funding often requires persistence, timing, and consistent relationship-building. If you have any questions or would like support with next steps, just reach out!

Warmly,

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My Commitment to Integrity and Confidentiality

When working with you, I focus on your organization's unique mission, goals, and funding needs to deliver tailored and up-to-date grant research. While some overlap in potential funders across similar nonprofits is natural in the sector, I never share your specific research or insights with other clients. Your organization's information is treated with the utmost respect and confidentiality. My promise is to provide ethical, transparent, and effective support to help you secure funding with integrity and trust.

Research Methods

To identify the most promising grantors, I applied three key filters:

- **Philanthropic History:** Does the funder have a record of supporting causes like yours?
- **Giving Capacity:** Do they have the resources to make grants that would meaningfully support your work?
- **Mission Alignment:** Are the funder's values, current and prospective priorities, and geographic focus aligned with the Alliance's programs and location?

Only funders meeting all three criteria were included in this report.

My research drew on both public records and funder-specific resources, including:

- **IRS Form 990s** — to review giving history, average gift size, and stated priorities
- **Funder databases and directories** — to track grant cycles, application processes, deadlines, and openness to unsolicited proposals

I also assessed funding potential by analyzing annual reports and donor listings from comparable organizations, as well as funders supporting similar work.



Funder Prospects

1. Green Future Foundation

Springfield, MA • Website: www.greenfuture.org • Tax ID: 04-3012567

Overview: A private foundation focused on environmental conservation and climate change mitigation.

Why It's a Good Fit

- **Geo Focus:** New England
- **Cause Alignment:** Environmental and climate justice

Giving Capacity & Scope

- **Typical Grant Size:** \$10,000–\$50,000
- **Funding Type:** General operating, Program Support
- **Annual Giving Budget:** \$5 million
- **Recent Grants:**
 - \$25,000 to Clean Rivers Project for watershed restoration (2024)
 - \$15,000 to Green Schools Initiative for education programs (2023)

Application Info

- **Deadlines:** Rolling
- **Process:** Online LOI submission
- **Notes:** Board prefers prior contact

Suggested Next Steps

- Submit LOI in Q3
- Add deadline to calendar

2. **Blue Horizon Trust**
Boston, MA • Website: www.bluehorizontrust.org • Tax ID: 22-4879123

Overview: A regional foundation supporting sustainable agriculture and community food security initiatives.

Why It's a Good Fit

- **Geo Focus:** New England
- **Cause Alignment:** Environmental and climate justice

Giving Capacity & Scope

- **Typical Grant Size:** \$5,000–\$30,000
- **Funding Type:** Program Support, pilot projects
- **Annual Giving Budget:** \$2.2 million
- **Recent Grants:**
 - \$20,000 to Local Farms Network for community outreach programs (2024)
 - \$10,000 to Urban Gardeners Collective for youth gardening education (2023)

Application Info

- **Deadlines:** March 1 and September 1
- **Process:** Email LOI followed by full proposal invitation
- **Notes:** Prefers projects with measurable community impact; small grants favored for first-time applicants

Suggested Next Steps

- Prepare LOI for September cycle
- Gather project metrics and community impact data

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Next Steps

Action

Notes / Customization

- ☐ Flag rolling or low-effort grant opportunities

Identify & start grants with short applications or minimal requirements.

- ☐ Identify top funders to pursue

Select funders based on mission alignment, giving history, and likelihood of success. Include both “quick wins” and strategic longer-term targets.

- ☐ Update organizational overview

Create a one-page summary sheet describing mission, values, goals, and programs/services.

- ☐ Prepare current general operating budget

Include income/expenses, major categories. Highlight major funding sources.

- ☐ Gather latest IRS Form 990

Should match what is on Guidestar/Candid

- ☐ Create list of current board members

With affiliations or professional backgrounds if available

- ☐ Summarize recent program results or outcomes

Use numbers or stories that show success and community impact

- ☐ Set up a grant tracking sheet or calendar

Start using an app or spreadsheet to track funders, deadlines, submission status, follow-ups, and notes on funder preferences.

- ☐ Reach out for more help



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