Norfolk Southern Foundation

For Full Grant Announcement:  http://www.nscorp.com/community

Average Grant: $5,000 - $10,000

Application Deadlines:
Applications are accepted between July 15 and September 30, annually.

Areas of Interest:
The Norfolk Southern Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that focus on educational, cultural, environmental, and human services opportunities within the region served by Norfolk Southern. The Foundation seeks to raise the standards of such programming, thereby enhancing the quality of life for Norfolk Southern employees and enhancing the "livability" of the communities it serves, enabling them to attract additional business development. (A system map of Norfolk Southern communities is available on the company's website.)

The Foundation offers grants in four principal areas:
• educational programs, primarily at the post-secondary level, though some early childhood education programs and science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs are supported;
• community enrichment focusing on cultural and artistic organizations;
• health and human services that support basic needs (primarily food banks, homeless programs, and free clinics); and, environmental programs.

The Foundation's intent is to help ensure that:
• the region's children are provided with first-class educational opportunities that make them productive and valued employees in the future;
• communities can offer their citizens access to cultural opportunities that make life more enjoyable;
• communities can provide residential and work environments that are safe, attractive, and desirable; and,
• communities can provide basic human services to those in need.

Support is not provided to/for:
• individuals or organizations established to help specific individuals;
• religious, fraternal, social, or veterans organizations;
• political or lobbying organizations;
• public or private elementary or secondary schools;
• organizations whose activities are focused outside Norfolk Southern territory;
• fundraising events, telethons, races, or benefits;
• sports or athletic organizations or activities;
• Written requests must include the following:

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• A valid 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(1) letter from the IRS
• A short request outlining objectives of organization, project and intended use of funds
• Board of Directors Listing
• Sources of Funding (current and potential)
• Last 3 Years of Financials (audited financials are preferred)
• A valid email address and contact phone number for person that can answer any questions with regard to package

Mail one copy of the application to:
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Executive Director
P. O. Box 3040
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