



## ***"A Night for Nonprofits"***

### ***Grant Application***

***Event Date – Tuesday, October 7, 2025***

**Grant Application Due: Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

**Grant Award Amounts: \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500 (each qualifying applicant will receive \$250)**

**The application follows the John and Frances Marchbanks guidelines/criteria.**

**Fund Objective: To fund projects that help people who are trying to help themselves overcome their immediate problems, misfortunes, and handicaps to have a better life and become productive citizens.**

**Grant Priorities: Special projects for existing nonprofits, startup of nonprofits, expansion of projects to service area or new aspect of project. LEAD does not award grants to sustain or increase regular operating budgets. This will disqualify a request from being considered for a large grant award.**

- Initiatives that serve as a catalyst to promote charitable giving
- Projects that help people at the bottom of the economy
- Food pantries
- Food kitchens
- Aid and shelter for abused children and women
- Programs to encourage and assist people in leaving the welfare system
- Projects that prepare people for better economic opportunities
- **Emphasis on projects that address the needs of Lee County.** These projects may occur in other counties but must be regional in nature or serve as a demonstration model of how a particular issue can be addressed.

### **Grant Award Policies:**

- Grant proposals only from non-profit, tax exempt organizations or Special Projects of The CREATE Foundation or the umbrella of another nonprofit organization providing services to the Northeast Mississippi area with an emphasis on service in Lee County.
- In addition to its priority areas, LEAD is inclined to give more favorable consideration to projects which:
  - Affect broad segments of the population
  - Gain support from matching funds
  - Show community and collaborative support
  - Exhibit financial commitment from the requesting organization
  - Reflect a long-term plan to continue and sustain the project
- LEAD prefers requests for funding of startup projects and/or projects that show expansion of programs/services
- LEAD typically does not provide funding for salaries or continuing operation support to sustain programs or projects



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**Please submit the following on a separate sheet:**

**Introduction: Provide a brief narrative of your nonprofit with the history of its creation.**

1. **Project Start Date:** Estimated Completion Date
2. **Project Funding:** Amount of Grant Requested; Funds from other sources, if any; Total Project Cost
3. **Project Description:** Describe the need and the object of the Project
4. **Project Impact:** How will it fulfill the Fund Objective
5. **Budget:** Detailed itemized budget for all funds requested for this Special Project
6. **Partnerships:** Names of any other organizations and their roles in the Project
7. **Publicity:** Describe publicity plans to ensure that LEAD receives appropriate community recognition
8. **Reports and Accountability:** The requestor understands that he/she is responsible for accounting for all funds granted by LEAD and the CREATE Foundation on behalf of The John and Frances Marchbanks Endowment Fund and that all funds will be spent in accordance with the budget. Within one to six months of the project completion, the undersigned will submit to LEAD a financial report as well as a written project completion report. The requestor will also submit pictures as applicable. At the event, requestor will set up an organizational information table and provide a 2 minute discussion of the project.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Organization\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Annabeth Wyatt, LEAD Executive Director, by email regarding your application.

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