

**Foundation:** COOPER FOUNDATION

**Area of Research:** Supporting people through education, human services, the arts, humanities, and the environment.

**Application Deadline:** The application deadlines are January 1, April 1, August 1 and October 1, annually

**Amount:** Variable. Typically \$5,000 or less. Greater amounts indicate a high correlation with foundation priorities.

**Length of Support:** One year, but renewable

**Eligible applicants:** Organizations in Lincoln and Lancaster County

**Summary:** To support innovative ideas which promise substantial impact and encourage others to make similar or larger grants. We seek ideas which provide leadership in the field, and which contribute in a major way to the applicant's mission and service to its constituents. Our highest priorities are Education, including projects recognizing global inter-relationships; Human Services; the Arts; the Humanities and the Environment. Our focus on education includes the improvement of teaching and learning through: models that can be replicated and institutionalized for broader effect; significant changes in the educational process aimed at improving learning; initiation or improvement of the teaching of ethics; parent education at pre-school and K-12 levels; and educational solutions to human service issues. The focus on human services is on improving the community's response in the areas of greatest need. We value collaborations among agencies, elimination of unnecessary duplication, and programs designed to markedly improve the awareness and use of human service programs.

**Detailed Information:** <http://www.cooperfoundation.org/guide.html>