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## **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES® OF NORTHEASTERN OHIO, INC. GRANT FUNDING CRITERIA**

If you have any questions or need clarification once these instructions have been reviewed, please feel free to contact RMHC-NEO. We are at your service and strive for organizations to have a positive experience and outcome during the grant process.

If your organization is considering submitting a grant application, it is strongly advisable to contact RMHC-NEO to discuss the proposal, inquire of grant application submission deadlines, or other pertinent information regarding submission well in advance of the application deadline. Extenuating circumstances do occur, however, it is advantageous not to wait until the deadline to submit grant applications.

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Northeastern Ohio, Inc., (RMHC-NEO) awards grants to non-profit organizations that are exempt from federal taxation under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 revokes the tax-exempt status of any nonprofit that is required to file an annual return (Form 990, 990-N, 990-EZ or 990-PF) but fails to do so for three consecutive years. An organization that has had its tax-exempt status revoked will not receive grant funds from RMHC-NEO.

Proposed programs/projects must target children that reside in a 20 county area of Northeastern Ohio. These counties are: Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Harrison, Holmes, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, and Wayne. Grant requests considered by RMHC-NEO should focus on service that directly affects the well being of a child and must have consistent and effective management. Programs/projects must address real issues in a definitive manner and have measurable impact.

Grant funds are NOT awarded to any of the following:

- Organizations not recognized by the IRS as a charity having tax exempt status under 501(c)(3), such as fraternal, social, trade, or political organizations, chambers of commerce and professional membership societies.

- Organizations that advocate for or against or otherwise provide direct or indirect support for or against any political campaign, individual politician, pro-life or pro-choice positions, or any other organization which reasonably takes a controversial stand on social issues.
- Religious organizations or programs aimed at promoting a particular faith or creed, or programs that are otherwise religious.
- Organizations which discriminate with respect to membership and/or the provision of service or use of facilities.
- Public school programs or campaigns that could be funded by tax initiatives
- Non-scholastic programs within educational institutions, such as athletics, bands, drill teams, booster clubs or other social associations.
- Organizations under investigation or reported to be under investigation by any state, federal or foreign governmental authority.
- Organizations that disparage or otherwise run contrary to RMHC values or our donors' brand image.
- Individuals; Endowments; Building/capital campaigns; Intermediary funding agencies; Annual campaigns; Fundraising initiatives or advertising drives; Debt retirement; or, General agency administration and/or development expenses (this includes salaries, travel and training).

RMHC-NEO has two (2) grant application deadlines each year. Grant application deadlines are the first Tuesday in February with funding decisions made in mid-March, and the first Tuesday in August with funding decisions made in mid-September. Occasionally deadline dates are changed to accommodate holidays or schedule conflicts. Please contact RMHC-NEO to verify the deadline date.

Organizations are strongly encouraged to have support and endorsement from local McDonald's Owner/Operators.

The grant application is available from RMHC-NEO staff via email and should be completed and submitted adhering precisely to the structure and format of the application. Once the grant application has been finalized, please email a copy of the entire application package to [director@rmhc-neo.org](mailto:director@rmhc-neo.org). no later than 12:00 p.m. noon on the deadline date.

Following the application deadline for submission grant review site visits are scheduled with each organization that submits a grant application for consideration. Site visits last approximately an hour and are requested to be

held at the site which will utilize grant funds being requested. RMHC-NEO staff will contact each organization with suggested dates and times of site visits. Every effort will be made to accommodate schedules of the organization.

If the grant request is awarded, Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Northeastern Ohio, Inc. requires that a Grant Summary Evaluation and detailed accounting of all funds awarded to an organization along with a follow-up report be submitted no more than one (1) year from the date of the award. A copy of the Grant Summary Evaluation is included with the Grant Application.

Once an organization has received grant funds from RMHC-NEO, a subsequent proposal or request cannot be submitted for three full calendar years. For example, organizations receiving grant funds in September 2018 cannot reapply until August 2021.

If you have questions or require additional information, please call RMHC-NEO at (216) 986-0855.

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