

# Music for Everyone's 2021 Well-Being Grant Guidelines

Nonprofit community-based organizations and public and private schools are invited to apply for funding from Music for Everyone (MFE).

**NOTE: THIS APPLICATION IS SPECIFICALLY TO REQUEST FUNDING FROM THE MUSIC FOR EVERYONE'S WELL-BEING PROGRAM. THUS, THIS APPLICATION DIFFERS FROM THE APPLICATION FOR MFE'S ANNUAL INSTRUMENT GRANT PROGRAM. IF INTERESTED IN THAT PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT:**

<https://musicforeveryone.org/education/annual-grant-program/>

## **Submissions must be postmarked by January 22**

### **Mission**

Music for Everyone supports organizations that are committed to creatively utilizing music as a tool to improve the health and well-being of Lancaster County residents.

### **Geographic Area Served**

Music for Everyone grants are awarded to organizations serving Lancaster County, PA. The Music for Everyone Board of Directors may choose to extend the area under unique circumstances.

### **Grant Purpose**

Grants are awarded to support projects or programs that utilize music to improve individuals' (of any age group) health and well-being. Music for Everyone encourages organizations to focus on a specific program or project when requesting assistance.

### **Grant Amount**

In 2021 we hope to give at least \$10,000 in grants. Most successful grant requests range from \$500 to \$2,500. Larger grants are made at the discretion of the Music for Everyone Board of Directors.

*Your grant proposal stands a better chance of being successful if it can be partially funded. For instance if your proposal asks for \$1,000 to supplement an existing program, please explain whether and how a grant of less money would still improve the quality and effectiveness of that program.*

## **Grant Application Procedures**

Please refer to our Grant Application Form for instructions on how to apply for a grant. Grant applications will consist of two sections. The first, is the grant application page, which can be found on our website. The second, relates to our efforts in teaming up with online retailer Woodwind and Brasswind (Please see below). While not required, you may provide additional backup documentation about your organization and/or program.

For any questions on the new grant process please contact MFE at: [MFE Lancaster@gmail.com](mailto:MFE Lancaster@gmail.com)

## ***Submissions must be received by January 21.***

### **Grant Cycle**

Grants are made annually in the spring. Grant recipients will be notified and funds or instruments will be disbursed by the end of March. Organizations may receive only one grant per year.

### **What We Do Not Fund**

Music for Everyone will not award grants to support individual musicians, attendance at conferences or seminars, fundraising events, religious or political causes.

### **A Special Note About Churches**

MFE will consider awarding grants to churches for programs that serve the general public without promoting the specific agenda of the church. As an example, we would support a summer music program that is open to all children in a church's neighborhood. Exceptions, if any, will be at the discretion of the MFE board.

### **Eligibility**

Grants will be made to public, tax-exempt charities or educational organizations as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

### **Criteria**

Grant proposals are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Health and Well-Being component is clearly defined with stated needs and goals, or
- The project or program has broad and/or strong community impact;
- The organization has the capability to utilize the grant funds efficiently and effectively.

\*Ability of Organization to document impact of the grant.

**Site Visits**

Please note that there may be a site visit prior to the award of the grant or at some point during the funding cycle. The grant review committee looks for organizations that have clearly defined goals, effective cost control and skilled management.

**Follow Up**

All final grant decisions are made by the Music for Everyone Board of Directors. Progress reports on the use of grant funds will be required in six months and by the end of the calendar year. The final report will consist of a one to two page narrative account of program accomplishments, including a description of progress made toward achieving the goals of the grant. Grant recipients must also provide receipts (is applicable) showing that grant funds were used for their intended purpose.

**Questions**

We welcome and encourage your questions. Please e-mail, [MFelancaster@gmail.com](mailto:MFelancaster@gmail.com) (Brendan Stengle) or John Gerdy at [johngerdy@aol.com](mailto:johngerdy@aol.com).