

BRIAN & PATRICIA GIESE *foundation*

Letter of Inquiry

• ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND •

“The Brian and Patricia Giese Foundation invests in people with ideas that can change the world.”

ABOUT

Who We Are

Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation is a private, faith-based family foundation established in 2021. The Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation honors and supports nonprofits that uplift their communities and transform lives. Guided by a mission to put God's love into action by bringing people together through community, the Foundation invests in people and ideas that create lasting impact.

FUNDING PATHWAYS

Grantmaking

Seed Grants	General Purpose Grants	Multi-Year General Grants
Timely needs, events & emerging opportunities	Open-application grants for established nonprofits	Multi-year
\$10,000–\$100,000 • ROLLING	\$50,000–\$250,000 • ONE YEAR • JUNE & OCTOBER	MULTI-YEAR • INVITATION ONLY
Supports: Youth and young adults education pathways, healthcare (including holistic, therapeutic not covered by insurance), arts & creative expression.	Supports: Youth and young adults education pathways, healthcare (including holistic, therapeutic not covered by insurance), arts & creative expression.	Supports: Youth and young adults education pathways, healthcare (including holistic, therapeutic not covered by insurance), arts & creative expression.

ELIGIBILITY

Who We Support

WE FUND	WE DO NOT FUND
501(c)(3) nonprofit, in operation 4+ years - Serving Anne Arundel County, Maryland - Minimum \$1 million total annual revenue - Youth and young adults' education pathways, healthcare (including holistic, therapeutic care not covered by insurance), arts & creative expression - Strong governance & mission alignment	- Endowments, unrestricted grants, subgrants, or reimbursable expenses - Individuals, scholarships, or personal reimbursements - Organizations operating for fewer than 4 years - Medical research or political activity - Causes contrary to our Christian values, or public schools, government agencies & charter schools

THE PROCESS

How to Apply

All submissions go through the Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation Grants Portal. One Letter of Inquiry per organization per calendar year.

Step 1 — Check Eligibility

Confirm you meet all requirements above before starting. Ineligible submissions will not be advanced.

Step 2 — Register in the Portal

Create your account. Registration is reviewed and validated before Letter of Inquiry access is granted.

Step 3 — Submit Your Letter of Inquiry

Due by 5:00 PM EST on the posted deadline. Written or video — see below.

Step 4 — Await Invitation

Selected organizations are invited to submit a Full Proposal. All applicants notified within 4–6 weeks of the full proposal deadline.

LETTER OF INQUIRY CONTENT

What to Include in Your Letter of Inquiry

Keep it concise. Your Letter of Inquiry should take no more than 30 minutes to complete. Written or video — your choice.

FIELD	WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR
Organization & Mission	Name, EIN, website, and one sentence on your mission.
Program Overview	What you do, who you serve, and where in Anne Arundel County.
The Need	What problem are you solving? Use local data if available.
Grant Request	Pathway, amount requested, and intended use of funds.
Impact	What will change? One or two measurable outcomes.
Why Now	Is there a specific opportunity or urgency driving this request?

ALTERNATIVE SUBMISSION OPTION

Submit by Video

We know grant writing takes time. As an alternative to written responses, you may submit a short video Letter of Inquiry — especially encouraged for organizations whose leaders communicate best in person.

Video LOI Guidelines

Upload directly in the Grants Portal (MP4, MOV, or YouTube/Vimeo link).

Length: 5–8 minutes maximum.

Format: MP4, MOV, or YouTube/Vimeo link. Upload directly in the Grants Portal.

Who: Executive Director, Program Director, or Founder. A community member you serve is welcome too.

What to Cover: Walk through the six Letter of Inquiry fields above in any order that feels natural.

Quality: Smartphone is fine. We care about your story, not production value.

Accessibility: Please include captions or a brief written summary when you upload.

POLICIES

Key Policies at a Glance

POLICY	RULE
Reapplication after award	2 years
Reapplication after full proposal decline	1 year
Reapplication after LOI decline	1 year
Letters of Inquiry per organization per year	1
Concurrent grant requests	Seed Grants, General Purpose Grants, and Multi-Year General Grants may not be under review at the same time.
Disbursement	All awards disbursed within 60 days of grant memorandum of understanding execution
Notification timeline	Within 4–6 weeks of the full proposal deadline

WHAT COMES NEXT

Reporting (If Awarded)

Grantees submit two brief reports. We want to hear your story — not read a compliance document. Video reports are accepted.

Grant modifications (scope, budget, activities, or project lead) require advance written approval from the Brian & Patricia Giese Foundation team.

Month 6 — Interim Report	Month 12 — Final Report
- Activities & participants to date - Early outcomes or signals - Budget vs. actuals + variance note	- Full outcomes: numbers and stories - Lessons learned - Final financial reconciliation

Ready to Apply?

Register and submit your Letter of Inquiry — written or video — through the Grants Portal.

Questions? Contact us through the Portal.