



COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

FUNDING POLICY

Principles:

Funds shall only be appropriated to organizations that can document compliance with all applicable federal and state regulations related to tax-exempt status.

Organizations requesting funding should be able to document that they provide on-going services to the community, are governed by a volunteer board of directors that serves without compensation, and that their financial management is subject to an independent audit/review at the completion of the year for which the funds are requested.

Funds shall only be appropriated for public purposes.

Requests for funding will only be accepted during the County's annual budget preparation process. A specific timetable for the process will be developed and disseminated each year.

Requests for funding for direct services to Columbus County residents shall be given the highest priority for funding.

Requests for services that duplicate services that are already available (supply = demand) to the public through other means will be given the lowest funding priority.

Process:

Completed application packets that are submitted to the County by the deadline established in the annual timetable will be referred to the Finance Director. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Finance Director will review applications in accord with the Non-Profit Funding Criteria and will make funding recommendations to the County Manager.

The County Manager will in turn make funding recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.