



YAGA'S CHILDREN'S FUND

2024 Application and Guideline for Grant Funding

1. OVERVIEW OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

1.1. SYNOPSIS OF PROGRAM

The cook-off began in 1997 with the intention of creating a family oriented two-day event in the downtown district. Yaga’s Children’s Fund grew each year, and in 2002 twenty-three teams participated with an attendance of over 3,000 people across three city blocks and were able to raise \$20,000 towards that year’s charities. That year Yaga’s Children’s Fund (YCF) 501-(c)(3) non-profit was formed and was expanded to its current location on Pier 21.

Throughout the 25 years of the event, and now entering its 26th year, the Yaga’s Children’s Fund has allocated an excess of \$1,800,000 for Galveston County children’s charities. The current volunteer board works hard year-round to fund numerous charities with the assistance of generous sponsors and cook teams. The Wild Game BBQ Cook-off is now the premiere spring event in downtown Galveston!

Throughout its history, for every dollar in sponsorships the fund receives, it has paid to charity \$1.20. Also, the fund continues to hold its expense ratio below 11%, which allows for an 89% payout!

The mission of YCF is to support the moral, psychological, intellectual, vocational, and physical development of children in Galveston County through yearly grants.

1.2. POINT OF CONTACT

All inquiries and communications concerning this application can be directed in writing via email or mail to:

Yaga’s Children’s Fund

Email: yagaschildrensfund@gmail.com

Mail: P. O. Box, Galveston, TX 77553

2. AWARD SUMMARY

2.1. AWARD AMOUNT SCHEDULE

YCF expects to award grants as follows:

Award Ranges
\$500-\$10,000

Award sizes will be based on submitted applications and funds raised in the 2024 funding year. Awards will be made based on the rank order of reviewed applications until funding runs out.

3. APPLICATION TIMELINE

The application process is anticipated to proceed according to the published application timeline.

Dates	Events
October 1, 2023	Application Released
December 31, 2023	Application Deadline
May 10-11 2024	Wild Game Cook-off
September 2024 Tentatively	Allocation Ceremony

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

4.1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

Eligible applicants are

- Not-for-profit qualified charitable organizations
- YCF does not make grants to individuals
- Preference is given to organizations in Galveston County

4.2. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects must clearly support the moral, psychological, intellectual, vocational, and physical development of children. The award cannot pay for salaries or administration. The awards must fund programs that directly benefit children.

5. APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS

The following attachments are required to be submitted as one packet by the deadline.

Applications will be considered incomplete and not reviewed if the packet is incomplete.

- Application for Grant Funding
- IRS Determination Letter to document tax-exempt status.
- Financial Statements (audited preferred)
- Form 990 for the most recent fiscal tax year
- YCF Grant Budget Request form

6. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

6.1. APPLICATION DEADLINE

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. CST, December 31, 2023

Applications must be:

- completed in full with all required documents attached
- submitted no later than the deadline
- submitted via Email: yagaschildrensfund@gmail.com or by Mail: P. O. Box, Galveston, TX 77553

Submission of an Application confers no rights of Applicant to an award. An individual Application may be rejected if it fails to meet any requirement of the guidelines. YCF may seek

clarification and additional documentation from Applicant at any time, and failure to respond within a reasonable timeframe is cause for rejection of an Application.

7. APPLICATION SCREENING

YCF members shall conduct an initial screening of Applications to determine if they adhere to the eligibility requirements contained in the guidelines. An Application must meet all requirements. All incomplete, ineligible, or otherwise non-compliant applications will not be considered for funding. It is anticipated that YCF members will notify Applicants eliminated through the screening process within 30 days of the submission deadline. Each Application that passes the initial screening for completeness and eligibility will be considered for award selection according to the selection criteria described.

8. GENERAL CRITERIA FOR AWARD SELECTION

At a minimum, three reviewers will independently score each application on the components listed below, with a maximum possible total score of 35 points and an opportunity for bonus points. Applications will be ranked from highest to lowest based on all three (at a minimum) scores.

Mission and History of the Organization

1-5 points with 5 being the highest

Description of the Proposed Project

1-5 points with 5 being the highest

Describe the proposed project, the amount requested, and the period of time that would be covered by requested funds.

Statement of Need for the Project

1-5 points with 5 being the highest

Describe the need for the program along with the specific population that the program will benefit.

Description of Activities and Outcomes

1-5 points with 5 being the highest

Describe the proposed project activities and desired outcomes, including the geographic area that will be served and the communities that will benefit from the project.

Alignment of Funding to Project

Goals 1-5 points with 5 being the highest

Applicant's budget is aligned with program goals, maximizes the impact of available funds, excludes indirect costs, and limits administrative costs to 2% or less of the overall project budget.

Project Timeline

1-5 points with 5 being the highest

The applicant’s timeline clearly indicates project activities, estimated duration, and estimated completion associated with the project and the grant period. Activities in the timeline link back to the project description. The timeline elements are reasonable and achievable.

Sources and Amounts being Solicited, Received or Pledged

1-5 points with 5 being the highest

Describe how much funding is needed in total to begin, complete, and/or sustain the project. Describe in detail the sources and amounts you are soliciting, that have been received or pledged for this project.

Volunteer(s) Provided at the 2024 Wild Game Cook-off and the total number of Volunteer Hours

Bonus points are to be determined by the total number of volunteers and hours provided

Silent Auction Item(s) Donated and Funds Raised by Item

Bonus points are to be determined by the total number of items donated and the funds raised by each

9. YCF GRANTS EVALUATION FORM

	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Core Elements (30 Possible Points)		
Criteria 1- Mission and History	5	
Criteria 2 - Proposed Project	5	
Criteria 3 - Statement of Need	5	
Criteria 4 - Activities and Outcomes	5	
Criteria 5 - Alignment of Funding	5	
Criteria 6 -Project Timeline	5	
Criteria 7 - Sources and Amounts being Solicited	5	
Bonus Points		
Volunteers		
Hours		
Silent Auction		
Ticket Sales		
Total Points Awarded	35 plus bonus	