



*“My dad instilled in me a love and respect for animals. This is a good way to combine that passion with a desire to support the police and fire departments, which deserve all the appropriate resources needed to protect our cities and neighborhoods, and allow these brave men and women to arrive home safely.”*

-Ben Roethlisberger

## Ben Roethlisberger Foundation – 2011-2012 Grant Guidelines

**BACKGROUND:** The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation (BRF), founded by Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, welcomes grant inquiries for support in 2011. The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation will disperse grants to police and fire departments’ K-9 units throughout the U.S. This is the fifth grant cycle for The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation. The majority of the grants we distribute help K-9 units to purchase dogs and dog safety vests, but other types of needs are considered.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Police and fire departments’ K-9 units in Pittsburgh, PA and in the city of each regular season away game for the Steelers in the 2011-12 season are eligible. New in 2011, if the Steelers make the playoffs, BRF will also award grants to two cities anywhere in the U.S. that would not otherwise be eligible. **The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation can only distribute grants to qualified 501(c)(3) organizations. Although police and fire departments are tax-exempt organizations, they may not have a 501(c)(3) designation and thus, must show support from a 501(c)(3) organization to receive funding.**

**REQUIREMENTS:** Please submit all of the following items and information in one proposal. Incomplete applications will not be accepted or pursued. Grant proposals must include the following:

- Completed cover sheet (see page 2)
- Department name, address, telephone number, fax number and email address for chief AND contact person.
- A brief background on the department and summary of needs for the K-9 unit.
- Department budget with specific outline of K-9 unit’s allocated budget (this need not exceed two pages).
- Amount requested and explanation of how it will be used.
- Letter of support from sponsoring 501(c)(3) organization/charity.
- Sponsoring organization’s 501(c)(3) determination letter from the IRS.
- How the K-9 unit has previously been funded.
- How the K-9 unit will continue to support itself in future years.
- Previous grants received from The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation.

**DEADLINE:** August 1, 2011. **Late or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.**

Eligible Cities	Application Deadline	Estimated Announcement Date
Baltimore, MD	Monday, August 1, 2011	Thursday, September 08, 2011
Indianapolis, IN		Thursday, September 22, 2011
Houston, TX		Thursday, September 29, 2011
Phoenix, AZ		Thursday, October 20, 2011
Cincinnati, OH		Thursday, November 10, 2011
Kansas City, MO		Wednesday, November 23, 2011
San Francisco, CA		Thursday, December 15, 2011
Cleveland, OH		Thursday, December 29, 2011
Other U.S. Cities Not Listed*		Thursday, January 12, 2012
Other U.S. Cities Not Listed*		Thursday, January 19, 2012
Pittsburgh, PA		After Super Bowl 2012

*\*If the Steelers make the playoffs, BRF will also award grant(s) to cities anywhere in the U.S. that would not otherwise be eligible based on the regular season schedule.*

**EVALUATION:** Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: thoroughness of presentation and inclusion of all requested materials; project readiness; demonstrated need; proven sustainability; and level of proposed impact.

# Ben Roethlisberger Foundation (BRF) 2011 Grant Application Cover Sheet

*Please submit completed cover page with entire application to the contact listed below. Incomplete submissions will not be considered or contacted.*

Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Police (or similar title): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Percent of Proposed Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

List any prior support from BRF (amount and year): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring 501(c)(3) organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## About the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation

The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation (BRF) seeks to support police and fire departments throughout the U.S. with a particular emphasis on support for service dogs and to enhance the quality of life for residents of Pittsburgh, PA. Plans for the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation also include grantmaking to nonprofit organizations assisting children in need in cities where Ben has lived and played football.

## About The Giving Back Fund

The Giving Back Fund (GBF) is a national public charity that creates and professionally manages charitable foundations and other philanthropic programs for athletes, entertainers, business entrepreneurs, and corporations. Our unique structure allows donors to direct more of their charitable dollars to causes they care about and less to administrative overhead.

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