

2019 Grant Guidelines for the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation

The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation, founded by Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, welcomes grant inquiries for support until August 15, 2019. The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation will disperse grants to police and fire department K-9 units throughout the U.S. This is the 13th grant cycle for The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation. The majority of the grants distributed will help K-9 units to purchase dogs and dog safety vests, but other types of K-9 related needs are considered.



ELIGIBILITY: K-9 units of police and fire departments in Pittsburgh, PA and in the city/surrounding area of each regular season away game for the Steelers in the 2019 regular season are 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 do not typically hold 501(c)(3) designation and thus, must show support from a 501(c)(3) organization that is willing to accept funding on the department's behalf. Each application must come from a police or fire department with support from a charity or police foundation. Charities outside the police and fire department are not eligible to apply on their own.

Eligible Communities	Application Deadline	Estimated Announcement Date
Boston, MA	Postmarked by Thursday, August 15, 2019	Thursday, September 5, 2019
San Francisco, CA		Thursday, September 19, 2019
Los Angeles, CA		Thursday, October 10, 2019
Cleveland, OH		Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Cincinnati, OH		Thursday, November 21, 2019
Phoenix, AZ		Thursday, December 5, 2019
New York City, NY		Thursday, December 19, 2019
Baltimore, MD		Thursday, December 26, 2019
Pittsburgh, PA		After Super Bowl 2020

REQUIREMENTS: Please submit all of the following items and information in one proposal. Incomplete applications will not be accepted and may not be notified. **Please do not staple, bind or print proposal double-sided. Do not fax or email submission.**

Grant proposals must include the following:

- Completed cover sheet (see page 2 below).
- A brief background on the department.
- **For existing K-9 units:** Demonstrated success of the K-9 unit, including the number of K-9 calls received annually.
- **For new K-9 units:** Please outline the need for a new unit and an estimate of anticipated K-9 related calls. In addition, include documentation proving the K-9 has been approved by all necessary parties, when applicable. See cover page questions for further information.
- Description of requested item(s) for the K-9 unit including amount requested and explanation of how it will be used.
- A K-9 specific budget (this need not exceed two pages). **DO NOT SEND ENTIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET.**
- Summary of how the K-9 unit has previously been funded.
- Explanation of how the K-9 unit will continue to support and sustain itself in the coming years.
- Letter of support from sponsoring 501(c)(3) organization/charity (if using an outside entity).
- Sponsoring organization's 501(c)(3) determination letter from the IRS.

DEADLINE AND EVALUATION: Must be postmarked by Thursday, August 15, 2019. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted. Applications will be evaluated on the following: thoroughness of presentation and inclusion of all requested materials; project readiness; demonstrated need; proof of sustainability through both external and internal support; and level of proposed impact.

***About the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation** - The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation (BRF) at The Giving Back Fund (GBF) 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. The Giving Back Fund is a national public charity that creates and professionally manages charitable foundations and other philanthropic programs for athletes, entertainers, business entrepreneurs, and corporations.*

Ben Roethlisberger Foundation (BRF)
2019 Grant Application Cover Sheet

Application to be considered in eligible city of: _____
Distance from eligible NFL city mentioned above: _____ miles

Please submit completed cover page (handwritten or typed) with entire application by mail 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 K-9 Budget: _____

List Prior Support from BRF (amount and year): _____

Population of Jurisdiction: _____ K-9 Certifying Organization: _____

If you are requesting start-up funds for a new K-9 unit, does your department require pre-authorization from City Council or a similar entity? Yes No N/A

If yes, has the acquisition of a K-9 unit has been approved? _____ (attach documented proof)

Sponsoring 501(c)(3) organization (**REQUIRED**): _____

EIN: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Website: _____

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Contact: The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation
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