**Community Collaboration Grant**

KSBCF strives to make a difference in the education, independence, and quality of life for individuals that are blind and visually impaired across Kentucky. Through this collaboration grant, we aim to generate community partnerships on innovative projects that advance the populations we serve. The foundation welcomes organizations (fellow non-profits, educational institutions, cooperatives, community groups, etc.) throughout the state of Kentucky to partner with us.

***Application Process***

Applicants can submit their proposal to the Executive Director, who will bring the request before the KSBCF Board of Directors for consideration. Please note that applicants may be asked to present their project before the board. The KSBCF Board of Directors will vote on whether to approve the project proposal. If approved, a KSBCF Board Member will be selected to act as the project’s sponsor. In this role, the Board Member will act as a liaison between the applicant and foundation, updating the KSBCF Board of Directors on the project’s progression.

Organizations may submit a project proposal directly to a KSBCF Board Member for consideration.

Applications may be submitted throughout the year. Requests will be reviewed in the subsequent KSBCF Board of Directors’ meeting. The KSBCF Board meets four times a year - in January, April, July, and October.

*What to include in your application*

* Brief description of organization, purpose, and mission
* Proposal stating how the project aligns with the KSBCF’s mission and supports the blind and visually impaired community
* Level of funding and estimated budget
* Timeline for completion
* Expected outcomes and an estimate of the number of people and communities impacted

A year after completion, we ask that the organization submit a grant report detailing the success of the project.

*Those not eligible for the Community Collaboration Grant*

* Individuals (please see KSBCF Grant for individual requests)
* Political organizations
* Fundraising events
* Sponsorships
* Organizations outside of Kentucky
* Requests from religious organizations for religious purposes