



### **23rd Annual OCIF Open: Chip in fore Charity**

**The 23rd Annual OCIF Open: Chip in fore Charity** will be held on Monday, September 21st at Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield. The Open is held each year to raise money for a local organization in the central Illinois community. We encourage all non-profits to apply to be the 2026 beneficiary. The organization/project selected will be awarded \$20,000. *(Please note: Any contributions received at the event, made payable to the organization or OCIF, will count toward the \$20,000.)*

### **Beneficiary Application Guidelines**

Organizations who wish to be considered for funding from the Orthopedic Center of Illinois Foundation (OCIF) should first carefully review the Foundation's program guidelines. The Foundation has no restrictions on the type of support it will consider so long as the organization's work is consistent with the Foundation's program interests and serves the central Illinois community. The Foundation makes grants to public charities classified as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) by the IRS. The Foundation does not make grants directly to individuals or consider requests outside the Foundation program areas. Awarded funds cannot be used for lobbying.

### **How to Apply**

Organizations must submit a completed application along with a letter of inquiry/proposal to be considered for the Chip in fore Charity grant. Please include the following information in your proposal:

#### **Narrative**

- Background of the organization, including accomplishments and qualifications, particularly as they relate to the purpose for which you are requesting support
- Immediate problems or needs to be addressed by your project or organization
- Target population served by your project
- Strategies for implementing the work, and a timetable for achieving outcomes
- A plan for evaluating the work
- If appropriate, a plan for continuing the work beyond the grant period



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### **Financials**

- Budget for the current year
- Actual organizational income and expenses for the past two years
- Current three largest funding sources

Include the following attachments:

- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter and/or all rulings and notices regarding the tax-exempt status of your organization
- Board of directors list

*Note: All current and projected budgets should indicate whether income is committed or pending.*

### **Supporting Materials**

We encourage organizations to only submit materials that are directly relevant to the grant request under consideration.

The Foundation will acknowledge receipt of your proposal. During the review process, we may contact you for additional information or materials. If a grant is awarded, you will be asked to sign an agreement that describes the purpose of the funding, reporting, and other requirements of the grant.

If you have questions about the status of the proposal you submitted, or there are significant changes or news you would like us to consider in the course of our review, please contact the Director of Marketing and Communications at (217) 547-9100.

Please submit your proposal to:

OCIF  
Attn: Dir. of Marketing  
1301 S. Koke Mill Road  
Springfield, IL 62711

### **Dates to Remember**

Friday, June 26th:	Completed applications due
Friday, July 31st:	Winner announced
Monday, September 21st:	23rd Annual OCIF Open: Chip in fore Charity



## **Beneficiary Application**

### **Organization Information**

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Date

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Organization Name

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Federal Employer Identification Number

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Contact Person

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Title

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

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Phone Number Fax Number

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Email Address

### **Grant Request**

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Project Name

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Brief Project Description

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Geographic Area Served

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Total Organization Budget

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Total Project Budget

### **Checklist**

Application  
Narrative  
Financials  
Supporting Materials



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