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Summertime Nonprofit News



New in 2017 - Rolling Grants

Now at ECF, [Rolling Grant applications](#) are being accepted throughout the year. These grants focus on encouraging groups and organizations to pilot new programs or strategies, collaborate with other organizations, build their own capacity, or address time-sensitive issues.

The next opportunity for review is September 1. Applicants must either be 501(c)(3) organizations, schools, government entities or community groups with a fiscal sponsor that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization. Applicants must also be able to demonstrate inclusive practices that support the diversity of their boards, staff, and constituents.

[Learn more about ECF Rolling Grants](#)



Apply for 2017-2018 root2fruit grants!

root2fruit is a three year program offering renewable grants and additional support. During fall 2017, the Evanston Community Foundation will choose up to three new organizations for root2fruit grants of up to \$10,000 each. Grants will be for the 2018 calendar year and will be renewable for two years after the initial grant is received for a maximum award of \$30,000. Participation in four grantee meetings annually is required of root2fruit grantees.

Applications must be submitted by midnight October 10, 2017 using [eGrant](#) online. Learn more about how root2fruit is more than just the money.

[Read the root2fruit guidelines](#)



Rotary International is pleased to announce that as part of its technology modernization efforts, they are making available no longer needed desktop computers.

As part of Rotary's continued commitment to Evanston and especially those organizations that support our shared community, they would like to give nonprofit and service organizations an opportunity to receive these often needed resources before anyone else. The computers are all Dell professional grade and mostly include Intel i5 processors, with

some i7 processors available, and range from having 350GB-500GB hard drives, with 4GB-8GB of RAM. They are provided as is, and do not include any support, but all are in working order and have Windows 7 installed. These desktops will include keyboards and mice on a first come, first served basis, but will not include monitors. Organizations looking to take ownership of this equipment will need to be responsible for picking up the equipment from Rotary's headquarters in downtown Evanston. Interested parties should contact Rodolfo Aquilar at rodolfo.aquilar@rotary.org to reserve the requested machines and coordinate a pickup time. Additional information regarding pickup location, etc. will be provided at that time. This offer is being made strictly to nonprofit and service organizations only. Thank you for your continued service and support of the Evanston community.

Snapshot Evanston 2017 - October 25th

Join Leadership Evanston's director Jennifer Moran on October 25th for a tour to learn about Evanston's history, visit important out-of-the-way places, and meet with local leaders. **Snapshot Evanston** is a single day designed for new residents, new employees, business owners, retired folks, students - anyone interested in Evanston.



[Learn more about Snapshot Evanston](#)

Apply for a Climate Action Grant!

Does your organization have any energy improvement projects that have been delayed for lack of funding? ECF supports Evanston's commitment to environmental sustainability through the Climate Action Fund, and we currently have grant funding available.



Past projects have included lighting upgrade projects and exit sign replacements to achieve greater energy efficiency and cost savings, as well as energy audits. These grants have ranged from \$275 to \$3,800. Send us a short description of your project and approximate cost! Contact Jan Fischer at fischer@evanstonforever.org or 847-492-0990 for more info.



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Be the **change.**

[Click here to check out the newly revamped VolunteerEvanston.com website!](http://VolunteerEvanston.com)



Act now! Provide Input on Evanston Housing Survey through August 11

The City of Evanston's Age Friendly Task Force is conducting a Housing survey designed to gather information from residents on current housing and potential future needs as they age.

Now through Friday, August 11, the Housing survey will be available [online in English](#) and

in [Spanish](#). Starting Friday, July 21, print copies will be available in both languages at all recreation community centers, Evanston Public Library locations, and the Morton Civic Center. The survey is open to all Evanston residents and workers, regardless of age, and is open to both renters and home owners.

For more information, please call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents may simply dial 311 in Evanston.

Save The Date

Celebrate! Evanston

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017

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**Illinois Humanities is happy to announce
their Community Grants program is once**

again accepting applications

The Community Grants program is back up and running after two cycles of hiatus. As you may know, Illinois Humanities grants categories are planning, strategy and evaluation grants (Vision, up to \$2,000); project grants (Action, up to \$4,000); and partnership and collaboration initiatives (Multiplier, up to \$15,000). Learn more about each category and [apply by September 15th here](#).

They pay special attention to project ideas that explore more innovative program formats, that try to attract new audiences, and that explore new tools such as digital platforms.

There is a lot of exciting and provocative work happening in Illinois in the arts, culture, and humanities arenas, and we are seeking proposals that help groups take risks and try out new things to grow programmatically and organizationally.

If you have ideas you'd like to bounce around with an Illinois Humanities staffer, feel free to do so by contacting Mark Hallett at 312.374.1555 or mark.hallett@ilhumanities.org.



You're Invited! Nonprofit Merger Workshop

Thursday, September 7

7:30 TO 8:15 AM | Networking

8:15 TO 10 AM | Panel

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CENTER

9700 W. Higgins Rd. | Rosemont

According to a recent study, *Mergers as a Strategy for Success: 2016 Report* from the Metropolitan Chicago Nonprofit Merger Research Project, mergers can be an important strategic tool to promote a nonprofit's mission and strategy and increase reach and impact. Join us for a workshop to review the results of the study and hear best practices from both a funder and nonprofit leader who have gone through a merger. We'll also hear from a donor foundation about the "dos and don'ts" when requesting merger funding. This workshop is aimed at executive directors, management staff and board members who want to learn more about merger strategies

and for those who are contemplating a merger strategy for their own nonprofit organizations.

SPEAKER:

Jean Butzen, Mission & Strategy Consulting

PANELISTS:

Brenda Palm, Working in the Schools

Sharon Bush, Grand Victoria Foundation

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