



Today Matters.

Bruening

# GRANTMAKING OVERVIEW

## MISSION

The Bruening Foundation invests in efforts to disrupt the cycle of poverty for families in Cuyahoga County, today. **TODAY MATTERS**

WE OFFER FUNDING TWO DIFFERENT WAYS:

## RESPONSIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS

**Thriving Families**, our responsive grantmaking strategy, focuses on:

- 1.) Housing, Health and Skill Building
- 2.) Social and Emotional Well-Being

### WHO CAN APPLY

To be eligible for support, an organization must be:

- Tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code
- Consistent with one of our grantmaking priorities
- In compliance with any interim or final grant reporting requirements from prior grants

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Through our online grant application system, we offer three annual grant cycles for our responsive grantmaking.

Deadlines are as follows:

- **March 1st**  
*(with applications available February 1st and funding decisions made in May)*
- **June 1st**  
*(with applications available May 1st and funding decisions made in September)*
- **October 1st**  
*(with applications available September 1st and funding decisions made in December)*

### HOW TO APPLY

For more information on the Foundation's focus areas, eligibility, or application process, visit [brueningfoundation.org](http://brueningfoundation.org).

For any questions on eligibility or the application process, please email us at [kmorris@fmscleveland.com](mailto:kmorris@fmscleveland.com)

## INVITATION ONLY

**Strong Start**, our proactive grantmaking strategy, focuses on children (ages 0-5) and their families by supporting programs/ initiatives under the umbrella of caregiving and/or settings/social determinants of health.

The Foundation aims to target time and resources at programs that are working with under-resourced young families. Specifically, we are developing partnerships with organizations and programs that:

- Deliver interventions to the youngest children and their families
- Work to facilitate language and social-emotional development
- Recognize that parents/primary caregivers are key to all outcomes, and that the parent-child relationship is central to any intervention
- Utilize program evaluation techniques to generate insight into what works and why
- Engage in advocacy to improve the systems and conditions that impact families with young children
- Participate in collaborations that might multiply the value of investments