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Have you heard about [FUEL Cincinnati](#)? It is an all-volunteer committee of young professionals in Greater Cincinnati that is part of [Give Back Cincinnati](#).

Fuel Cincinnati provides micro-grants in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$2,000 to fund non-profit projects in the Greater Cincinnati region, including the city of Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, and contiguous communities. Its central mission is to involve young professionals in the region in nonprofit projects in four core areas: (1) education, (2) community building, (3) the environment, and (4) diversity.



If an applicant has a great idea for improving the greater Cincinnati region through a nonprofit project related to one of FUEL's core areas, and if all that's standing in the applicant's way is the lack of a few hundred or a couple of thousand dollars, FUEL exists to remove that obstacle. This is why FUEL prefers to provide the majority of the budget for projects it funds; FUEL's mission is to make great things happen that wouldn't happen without it. FUEL fills a gap by making capital available for projects smaller in scale than those typically funded by traditional foundations.

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