

Queens Village Toledo Awarding Community Grants Up to \$5,000 Each

Queens Village Toledo is accepting applications for community grants until Friday, September 8th at 11:59pm. This grant opportunity will fund organizations that are dedicated to supporting Black women and families as part of community-wide efforts to reduce infant mortality in Lucas County. Queens Village is dedicated to the growth, improvement, and wellbeing of Black women and families in Lucas County.

Each applicant can request up to \$5,000 to support their community effort. Applicants must be nonprofit organizations even if they have not obtained 501(c)(3) status yet. For-profit entities are not eligible. Grant criteria includes:

- Must be a community organization serving in 17, 19, 22, 23, 29 census tracts associated with one of the following ZIP codes (43604, 43608, 43609, 43611, 43620).
- Organization must be Black led.
- Grants must be used to directly serve Black women or families in the community.
- Organizations must be serving in at least one of the following categories: Maternal-infant health, women's health, total wellness (nutrition, fitness, mental health), health education, prevention, youth development, and family support.
- Grassroots organizations will be given special consideration.

The grant application can be found at <http://bit.ly/qvtoledocommunitygrants2023>

Queens Village Toledo is a supportive community of powerful Black women who come together to relax, repower, and take care of themselves and each other. In Queens Village, emotions are raw, honesty is celebrated, and love abounds. Queens Village exists because Black women nationwide are up to three times more likely than white women to experience infant loss regardless of socioeconomic status. Queens Village strives to address health disparities, improve birth outcomes, and decrease infant mortality rates in the Black community.

About the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio

The Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio (HCNO) is a regional hospital association that represents and advocates on behalf of its members while providing collaborative opportunities to improve community health. HCNO coordinates several community health initiatives, including the Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB and the Healthy Lucas County coalition. Queens Village Toledo is a project of the Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB. For more information, please visit hcno.org.

