

It's time! You may have noticed the timing of our proposal requests has changed. This has been done to allow a full year of fundraising on our selected charity's behalf. You'll find our call for grant proposals below.

The planning will begin for the 2020 Queen City Beard and Moustache Federation Beard and Moustache Competition following this year's competition for Gathering Friends on May 4th, 2019. In 2018, the Queen City Beard and Moustache Federation raised more than \$14,000 for Foster.Adopt.Connect. We are excited to begin the selection process for the 2020 competition.



For the 11th annual competition in Springfield, we have decided to ask local organizations to submit proposals sharing why they are the best choice to receive the funds raised at this event. In order to apply, you must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit and must be local to Springfield or the surrounding area. Those are the only requirements for application. Both small and large organizations, as well as those that have previously benefited, will be considered.

If you're chosen, you'll receive your check in May 2020. We would like to plan a follow-up interview with your organization in the fall of 2020, to tell our donors and contributors what you've done.

What We Need from You:

1. Who you are. Tell us about the history of your organization and introduce yourselves.
 2. What you do. Share your mission and tell us who or what you help.
 3. What you wish you could do. We understand that funding is an issue for every nonprofit. Share your plan if you're the recipient of the funds from the 2017 competition. This might simply involve funding existing operations or might involve a new project.
- You're welcome to write a traditional grant proposal. If this doesn't suit you, feel free to make us a video, write us a song or create an art project. Provide your submission via email to queencitybeards@gmail.com (if you would prefer to present your submission on paper, please let us know via email and arrangements will be made).

All submissions are due by March 1, 2019. The QCBMF e-board will review all submissions, choose the three best, and take those to the March meeting. At the meeting, all members will join us in selecting our 2020 charity. We will announce the beneficiary of the 2020 competition following the May 4th competition at University Plaza Hotel.