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Grundy County Community Foundation

Grant Workshop
October 13, 2022



Welcome

- Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa is the host foundation for the Grundy County Community Foundation
- Grundy County Community Foundation is governed by individuals from throughout Grundy County
- Grant decisions are made locally through a grant review process



2023 GCCF Committee Members

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Address Important Needs in the County

The Grundy County Community Foundation provides grants to improve life throughout Grundy County. We want to help develop communities that people want to live in, as well as to benefit rural areas of the county.



Arts
& Culture



Community
Betterment



Education
& Youth
Development



Environment
& Animal
Welfare



Health



Human
Service



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Eligibility

- Be classified as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or be a government entity. Tax-exempt organizations classified as *other* than 501(c)(3) are also eligible *if* the project is deemed charitable; please contact our administrative office to discuss the project's eligibility prior to submitting a proposal.
- Be current with all state and federal reporting requirements, such as filing of 990 forms.
- Must not have any past due grant reports for previous Grundy Community Foundation grants.



Restrictions

- One application per organization with the exemption of Government Entities and Fiscal Sponsors.
- The following organizations are eligible for specific projects only:
 - **Churches** – for projects that provide community services/activities.
 - **Economic development organizations** - for marketing/education projects that benefits the whole community, not just member businesses.
 - **Service clubs and veterans' organization** - for charitable community projects.
- Grant request minimum is \$1,000.
- Requests for debt repayment and/or pass-through funds are not eligible.
- Inherently religious activities such as religious worship, instruction, or proselytization or activities that promote specific religious doctrine are not eligible.
- A **detailed** project budget listing all expenses and income sources **specific to the requested project** must be uploaded into the application (*see budget template on page 4 and linked in application*).
- Applicants should include bids and/or estimates for equipment and materials being requested.
- Funding requests should be for the actual cost of the project, not including trainings and salaries.



Funding Priorities

- Projects that address a community need, demonstrates broad-based community support, and provide benefits to the community-at-large.
- Projects with a high level of support or leveraged funding from other sources.
- Projects that maximize community resources through cooperation and collaboration with other organizations in the community and the eliminate redundant services, programs, or projects.
- Projects that show the capacity of the organization and staff to achieve the desired result and/or projects that focus on the growth of the organization.
- The sustainability of the proposed project.



Priorities \neq Eligibility

Your project may not meet all listed priorities. If it doesn't, that doesn't mean your project is ineligible.

BUT

...these priorities do **weigh** into **consideration** during the review and decision process.

The more of the GCCF priorities your project meets the **more likely** your project will receive funding.

NOTE: If a project doesn't meet *any* of them, it is unlikely to receive funding.



Application Review

Guide decisions to ensure best use of GCCF funds in support of most meaningful, impactful projects.

Process:

- Rubric-based
- Scored on the quality of the ***proposed project***, not the application
- Reviewers do not score any applications they have a Conflict of Interest with

Criteria:

- Organization Health
- Feasibility of Project
- Community Need & Outcomes
- Project Budget

NOTE: Use the criteria to make your application and your project better!



Organizational Health and Capability

Is this organization going to be able to complete this project?

- Fiscal stability
- Appropriate personnel
- Previous successes

Being new isn't a disqualification. You just have to articulate that your organization is capable of successfully completing the project!



Project Feasibility

How likely is this project to be completed successfully?

- Implementation Strategy:
 - Is there a solid plan for making the project happen and measuring impact?
 - Does the project build capacity to bring the organization/program to the next level?
- Timeline:
 - Is the timeline for completion realistic?
 - What unknowns could throw that timeline off and what would it mean for the success of the project?
- Sustainability:
 - Are there multiple people/organizations funding this project?
 - How will the project continue after this round of funding?
- Community Partners:
 - Are there others working to make this project happen?
 - What collaborations are existing and new for this project?



Community Need

How important is the project to the community?

- This is an important piece to articulate clearly, show us the community needs your project!
 - Get a “second opinion” on what you have written
 - It’s your one time to make an impression
 - Know that the GCCF is looking at a lot of applications
- Projects can take on different forms, how does it improve your community?
 - Bricks and mortar?
 - Communication?
 - Education?
- Show the needs of the community and how your project fills that need.



Project Outcomes

How well are the projected outcomes articulated? Are the stated outcome measurable?

- How will this project change your community?
- What improvements will this project make for the community?
- How will this project lead to change in behavior or circumstances?
- What will be done by your organization or the community because of this project's success?



Project Budget

Is the budget well planned? Are costs appropriate?

- Very important to the success of any project to be clear where the money is coming from and where it is going.
 - Show the cost and the income for each line item
- A well-prepared budget is a great way to show that you are prepared and have put time and effort into financial planning before the project begins.
- Obtain recent project bids/estimates for labor and equipment/materials to be purchased.
- All applications are asking for support through a grant to help complete their project, find ways to separate your application:
 - Show financial collaboration through in-kind services, private donations, other funders, and agency funds



SAMPLE GCCF Project Budget					
	Project:	Fire Department Safety Equipment			
Project Expenses	Total Project Cost	GCCF Request	Other Funding Amt	Other Funding Source	Other Funding Status
Multi-Gas Detector	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	Agency	Received
Water Nozzles	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00			
Thermal Camera	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Donations	Pending
			\$ 1,000.00	Grant	Secured
Helmet Lights	\$ 600.00		\$ 300.00	Donations	Received
			\$ 300.00	In-Kind	Secured
Total	\$ 14,700.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 6,100.00		

NOTE: Make sure the GCCF Request and Other Funding Amt columns equal the Total Project Costs column before attaching the budget template to the application.

NOTE: *Applicants are encouraged to use this Budget Template (linked in the application).*



Important Dates

- **Application Deadline:**
 - **January 15, 2023 at 5:00PM**
- **Decision Notifications:**
 - Mid-March 2023
- **Award Ceremony:**
 - April 27, 2023, Grundy Center Community Center
- **Grant Report Deadline:**
 - April 30, 2024



Q & A

For grant-related questions, contact:

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Grant Guidelines and link to Grant Management site:

www.grundyccf.org

Application online:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfneia>

NOTE: *Do not create a new account if your tax ID# is already in our system or if you are unsure if an account for your organization/city/school already exists. Call our office first.*





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