

Partners in Community Impact

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WORTH COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS - 2019

SNAPSHOT		
APPLICATION OPENS	JULY 1, 2019	This document provides the necessary details about this specific grant opportunity, including deadlines and eligibility requirements. For information about accessing the online grants management site, tips on grantwriting, and more, visit the Grantseeker Resources section of our website (www.cfneia.org). If you have any additional questions, please contact Program Manager Dotti Thompson at 319-243-1358 or dthompson@cfneia.org
APPLICATION DEADLINE	SEPTEMBER 30, 2019	

About the Worth Community Foundation

The Worth County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, created by and for the people of Worth County for the purpose of generating both endowed and unrestricted funds to support charitable capital projects, activities, services, programs, and organizations that will improve the quality of life for the residents of Worth County, Iowa.

What We Fund

The Worth County Community Foundation will provide grants to improve life in Worth County, Iowa. The Foundation wants to help develop communities where people want to live, work, play and stay. Areas of giving are:



art & culture



community betterment



education



environment



health



historic preservation



human service

Eligibility to Apply

Organizations must provide benefits to the people of the Worth County **and** must meet the following criteria in order to apply for a grant:

- 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 and only if** the project is deemed charitable; please contact our 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 Worth County Community Foundation grants.

For groups, projects, or initiatives that do not meet the above eligibility requirements, the Community Foundation will consider your requests if submitted through a fiscal sponsor. Fiscal sponsors must be classified as a 501(c)(3) or a government entity. The Foundation prefers that the fiscal sponsor's mission closely align with the sponsored project. **Fiscal Sponsors will be legally and financially responsible for any grant funds that are awarded by the Worth County Community Foundation.**

It is suggested that applicants, in particular first-time applicants, contact Program Manager Dotti Thompson (319-243-1358 or dthompson@cfneia.org) to explore the appropriateness of requests and for any further guidance.

Restrictions

- Applications for fireworks or related projects are not eligible.
- One application per organization: exceptions may be made for government entities or Fiscal Sponsors. Government and school departments must submit applications through the main account for their city/school. Please contact our administrative office to determine if an account has been created.
- **Minimum request amount is \$500.** Most grant amounts range from \$500 up \$5,000.
- Inherently religious activities such as religious worship, instruction, or proselytization or activities that promote specific religious doctrine are not eligible.
- **Late, incomplete, or hard copy applications will not be considered.** Incomplete applications are those that are in DRAFT mode at the time of the application deadline.

Review Criteria

- The relevance of the proposed project to areas of focus (the extent to which the proposal addresses a community need, demonstrates broad-based community support, and provides benefits to the community-at-large)
- High priority is given to organizations that show the ability to leverage funding and support for the proposed project from other sources, including in-kind, cash, grants, and/or private donations
- Extent to which the proposal maximizes community resources through cooperation and collaboration with other organizations in the community and the elimination of redundant services, programs, or projects
- The capacity of the applicant's organization and staff to achieve the desired result
- The sustainability of the proposed project without long-term financial commitments from WCCF

Grant Selection Committee

The Worth County Community Foundation is made up of community volunteers from throughout Worth County. This committee is responsible for making funding recommendations to the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa's board of directors. The Committee carefully reviews and considers all eligible applications based on the guidelines stated herein. The 2019 Governing Committee is:

Merlin Bartz	Keven Brueswitz	Lucy Heiken	Cindy Peters	John Tenold
Craig Benjegerdes	Ron Davidson	Chad Nelson	Linda Johnson Presholt	Mark Thoma

How to Apply

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the WCCF should fully review these grant guidelines prior to submitting an application to ensure all eligibility requirements are met. Applications must be submitted through the foundation's online grant management system, which can be located in the grants section of www.worthccf.org. Also located on the website are helpful resources for logging in and navigating the online grants system.

Important Dates

- **The grant application deadline is 11:59pm on September 30, 2019.**
- All applicants will be notified of the results of the grant process in mid-December 2019.
- Grants will be awarded in January 2020.
- Grant reports, for successful proposals, will be due on July 31, 2020.

Conditions

Awarded applicants are required to:

- Sign a Terms of Grant agreement which clarifies legal parameters for use of the grant.
- Submit a Grant Report to show the results of the project and to show that all the funds have been spent as intended. (If the project takes longer to complete, the Community Foundation will consider a request to extend the Grant Report deadline.)

Questions

Applicants should contact our administrative office at 319-243-1358 or dthompson@cfnea.org with specific questions regarding eligibility and/or general application questions.