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Grant Guidelines

CHICKASAW COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS - 2024

SNAPSHOT		
APPLICATION OPENS	November 15, 2023	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 grant writing, and more, visit the Grantseeker Resources section of our website (www.cfneia.org). If you have any additional questions, please contact Grant and Scholarship Manager Dotti Thompson at 319-243-1358 or dthompson@cfneia.org .
APPLICATION DEADLINE	January 15, 2024 at 5:00pm	

About the Chickasaw County Community Foundation

The Chickasaw County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, was created by and for the people of Chickasaw County. Our mission is to respond to the current and future needs of Chickasaw County by securing endowment funds, creating mechanisms to meet community needs, serving as a convener to examine and determine community needs, and facilitating the development of solutions to community problems.

What We Support

The Chickasaw County Community Foundation will provide grants to improve life in Chickasaw County, Iowa. We want to help develop communities that people want to live in, as well as to benefit rural areas of the county. Foundation funding supports projects in the following program areas:



Arts
& Culture



Community
Betterment



Education
& Youth
Development



Environment
& Animal
Welfare



Health



Human
Service

Eligibility to Apply

Organizations must provide benefits to the people of the Chickasaw County *and* must meet the following criteria 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 **only if** the request 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.
- Requests that include or require participation in inherently religious activities such as religious worship, instruction, or proselytization or activities that promote specific religious doctrine are not eligible.
- Must not have any outstanding grant reports for previous Tama Community Foundation grants.
- Applications must be completed by the due date using the online application and CFNEIA grant site.

Groups, projects, or initiatives that do not meet the above eligibility requirements may submit a request 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.

Restrictions

- One application per organization per year with the exemption of Government Entities and Fiscal Sponsors.
- Fiscal sponsors may only submit one application per sponsored organization. Government entities may submit only one application per department. *Schools are considered government entities for foundation granting purposes.*
- The minimum request is \$1,000; maximum request is \$10,000.
- In general, the CCCF does not fund general operating costs of a request, including salaries.
- Requests for debt repayment or pass-through funds are not eligible.
- Bids/estimates for work to be completed are strongly encouraged to be included in applications.

Review Criteria

Applications will be reviewed and scored on the following elements:

- **Organization** – The overall health of the organization and how the application reflects the organization’s capability for completing the request.
- **Feasibility** – The probability the request will be successful, including the organization’s level of staff/volunteers and collaboration with community partners.
- **Community Need and Outcomes** – The need for the request and how the proposed outcomes impact the community/county.
- **Request Budget** – The details of the budget and the ability to secure and/or leverage other funding sources, including in-kind services.

Funding Priority

Highest priority for funding is given to requests that:

- Provide a detailed budget and show other funding sources for the request.
- Show substantial long-term community impact through number of individuals served.
- Show the ability to be sustained once the grant funds are expended.

Please note: The request described in your application may be funded in full, partially funded, or not at all. The more information you can provide in your application the better.

Grant Selection Process

The Chickasaw County Community Foundation is made up of community volunteers from throughout Chickasaw 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 2024 Governing Committee is:

Jeff Berns	Michelle Hoy	Dana Lentz	Kristi Reicks
Rhonda Dean	Lara Lawrence	Bill Meyer	Nick Winter
Mary Gruenberg	Courtney Lechtenberg	Kristen Norbisch	Matthew Ysbrand
Tara Hackman			

How to Apply

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Chickasaw County Community Foundation should fully review these grant guidelines prior to applying to ensure all eligibility requirements are met. Applications must be submitted through the foundation’s online grant management system. Visit www.chickasawccf.org to access the online grant system, and to find additional resources for grant seekers.

Important Dates

- The grant application deadline is **5:00pm on January 15, 2024**. **Staff support will be available to applicants until 5:00 pm on the day of the deadline.**
- All applicants will be notified of the results of the grant process in mid-March 2024.
- Grant awards will be presented during a ceremony in April 2024.
- Grant reports, for successful proposals, are due April 30, 2025.

Grant 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 Dotti Thompson, Grant and Scholarship Manager, at 319-243-1358 or dthompson@cfneia.org with specific questions on eligibility or accessing the grant site.

It is suggested that first-time applicants contact Shanda Hansen, Director of Affiliate Impact, at 319-243-1357 or shansen@cfneia.org to explore the appropriateness of requests and for any further guidance.

For questions about the Chickasaw County Community Foundation, contact Michelle Hoy (mhoyfam4@gmail.com).