



2018 GRANT GUIDELINES

About the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation

The Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by and for the people of Cerro Gordo County. The vision of the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation is to be a premier philanthropic program enhancing and impacting the lives of the residents of Cerro Gordo County through donor opportunities, endowment growth and management, and responsible and local grant distribution.

What We Support

The Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation will provide grants to improve life in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. We want to help develop communities that people want to live in, as well as to benefit rural areas of the county. Areas of Foundation giving are:

ART AND CULTURE

HEALTH

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

EDUCATION

HUMAN SERVICE

ENVIRONMENT

Grant Selection Process

Committee members of the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation review and evaluate submitted applications before making final funding recommendations.

Applying for a Grant

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation 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. Visit www.cerrogordoccf.org to access the online grant system, and to find additional resources for grant seekers.

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.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on April 1, 2018

It is suggested that applicants, in particular first-time applicants, contact Program Manager Dotti Thompson to explore the appropriateness of requests and for any further guidance. (See page 2 for contact information)

Eligibility to Apply for Funding

- Applying organizations must be tax-exempt, non-profit entities classified by the IRS as 501(c) (3) organizations or government entities. If you have questions about eligibility or this classification, please contact our administrative office at 319-287-9106. If an organization is NOT classified by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, or equivalent, they must partner with an eligible Legal Applicant/Fiscal Sponsor, who must submit the application. ****Fiscal Sponsors are legally and financially responsible for funds that are approved and granted from CGCCF.***
- One application per organization (exceptions may be made for government entities or Fiscal Sponsor organizations).
- Generally, the Cerro Gordo Community Foundation does not fund operational costs of projects.
- There are no set of criteria that, if met, will guarantee funding.
- If the organization has received past funding from the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation, all grant reporting must be up to date and in good standing.
- ***Failure to follow these requirements could cause your application to be denied.***

Grant Decisions and Award Dates

- The grant application deadline is 11:59pm on April 1, 2018.
- All applicants will be notified of the results of the grant process in mid-June 2018.
- Grant awards will be presented during a ceremony in June 2018.

Grant Conditions

Awarded applicants are required to:

1. Sign a Terms of Grant Agreement online which clarifies legal parameters for use of the grant.
2. Submit an online report by **December 31, 2018** on the outcome of the funded project.

Notification of the location of the ceremony will be mailed to the **Legal Applicant/Fiscal Sponsor grant account contact person's address**. If you are a Fiscal Sponsor, you are responsible for notifying the sponsored agency of information pertaining to the application and grant decisions.

A representative from organizations awarded a grant for their project are expected to attend the ceremony to receive the grant award check.

Questions

Applicants should contact our administrative office at 319-243-1358 or dthompson@cfnea.org with specific questions on eligibility and the application process.

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