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Grant Guidelines

Jaspers Family Foundation Fund of Worth County Grants - 2023

SNAPSHOT		
APPLICATION OPENS	SEPTEMBER 1, 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 grantwriting, and more, visit the Grantseeker Resources section of our website (www.cfneia.org). If you have any additional questions, please contact Grant & Scholarship Manager Dotti Thompson at 319-243-1358 or dthompson@cfneia.org
APPLICATION DEADLINE	OCTOBER 15, 2023 AT 5:00 PM	

About the Worth County Community Foundation

The establishment of the Jaspers Family Foundation Fund of Worth County with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa was made possible by the Jaspers Family. Maynard and Marjory Jaspers were long-time successful business owners in Worth County. They had three sons with no heirs. At his death, Donald Jaspers donated the proceeds from the combined estates of the Jaspers Family to provide charitable support for Worth County.

What We Fund

The Jaspers Family Foundation Fund of Worth County 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:



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 Worth County **and** must meet the following criteria in order to apply for a grant:

- 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 office to discuss the project's eligibility prior to submitting a proposal.
- Current with all state and federal reporting requirements, such as filing of 990 forms.
- No past due grant reports for previous Jaspers Family Foundation Fund/Worth County Community Foundation grants.
- Applications for fireworks or related projects are not eligible.
- 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.
- Application 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

In addition to the eligibility requirements, the following restrictions also apply:

- 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.
- **The minimum request amount is \$1000.** This fund has approximately \$45,000 to award in 2023.
- Requests for capital projects (roof repair, building renovations, etc.) must be for structures located in Worth County.
- Requests for funds that are to be re-granted or re-distributed by the applicant will not be supported.
- Requests for political/lobbying activities or for debt repayment/reduction are not eligible.

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 fulfilling 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.
- **Collaboration** – The level of collaboration for the project’s success with other organizations, community members, and/or government entities.
- **Request Budget** – The details of the budget and the ability to secure and/or leverage other funding sources, including in-kind services.

Funding Priorities

*The Jaspers Family Foundation Fund of Worth County Review Committee places **high priority** on funding projects that:*

- Address a community-based need, demonstrate broad community support, and benefit the community/county as a whole.
- Show the organization’s ability to leverage funding and support from other sources, with budgets clearly showing all matching funds for the request.
- Maximize community resources through cooperation and collaboration with other organizations in the community and avoid replication of services, programs, or projects.
- Reflect organization and staff’s capacity to achieve the desired results of the request.
- Show sustainability without additional long-term financial commitments from the Jaspers Family Foundation Fund.

Grant Selection Committee

The Jaspers Family Foundation Fund of Worth County review committee consists of members of the Worth County Community Foundation. The 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 2023 Governing Committee is:

Gloria Heagel	Kevin Losee
Lucy Heiken	Dan Robb
Julie Kruger	Gary Schotanus

How to Apply

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Jaspers Family Foundation Fund 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 found in the grants section of www.cfneia.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 **5:00pm on October 15, 2023**. Technical assistance with the online system will be available until 5:00pm on Friday, October 13, 2023.
- All applicants will be notified of the results of the grant process in mid-December 2023.
- Grants will be awarded during a ceremony in January 2024. Specific details of the event will be included in post decision correspondence.
- Grant reports, for successful proposals, will be due on January 31, 2025.

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.