The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa awards grants in six program areas: arts & culture, community betterment, education & youth development, environment & animal welfare, health, and human service. This list can provide guidance for classifying your project.

**Arts & Culture**
Organizations or projects that support cultural and visual or performing arts experiences, or that enhance and/or preserve materials and sites of historical importance. Examples include - improvements to a community theater, storage that preserves historical documents, performances at cultural centers, and art projects through school programming.

**Community Betterment**
Organizations or projects that benefit the entire community through economic development, revitalization of neighborhoods and/or public spaces, or that improve community safety. Examples include - personal protection equipment for fire departments, a project to enhance tourism to a downtown area, and installation of public recreational activities/equipment.

**Education & Youth Development**
Institutions that provide formal education for all ages (preschool-college) as well as organizations or projects that directly serve youth through mentorship, skills development, childcare, etc. Examples include - equipment for schools, leadership programs for youth, updating curriculum materials, youth sports camps, and providing activities/equipment to enhance motor skills.

**Environment & Animal Welfare**
Organizations or projects that conserve, enhance, and rehabilitate natural resources, and provide access to these assets, or that benefit wild or domesticated animals. Examples include - brochures that highlight nature trails, improvements to waterways, dog runs replacement, and improvements to animal habitats.

**Health**
Institutions providing direct medical care as well as organizations or projects that improve the mental or physical health of individuals through recreation/wellness centers or residential and outpatient services. Examples include - acquisition of AED equipment, programs providing sexual health materials, inpatient/outpatient treatment programs, enhancements from EMS, and nursing home renovations.

**Human Service**
Organizations and projects that address critical need issues such as housing, hunger, and reducing poverty for vulnerable populations, including underserved communities, or that prevent adverse trauma experiences. Examples include - gas cards for crime victims to meet transportation needs, food distribution for at-risk students, housing renovations for low-income families, and translation services for immigrants/refugees.