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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 Examples include - improvements to a community theater, storage that preserves historical documents, performances at cultural centers, and art projects through school programming.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 out-patient 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.