



2018 GRANT GUIDELINES

About the Iowa County Community Foundation

The Iowa County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, is created by and for the people of Iowa County. The Community Foundation's main goals are to support Iowa County and to attract additional funds to assist donors in creating lasting legacies through a variety of giving options.

What We Support

The Iowa County Community Foundation provides grants to improve life in Iowa 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
COMMUNITY BETTERMENT
EDUCATION
ENVIRONMENT

HEALTH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
HUMAN SERVICE

Review Criteria

- The relevance of the proposed project to ICCF's mission areas of focus (the extent to which the proposal addresses a community need, demonstrates broad-based community support, and provides benefits to the community-at-large)
- Ability of the proposed project to leverage funding and support from other sources
- Extent to which the proposal maximizes community resources through cooperation and collaboration with other organizations in the community and the elimination of redundant services, programs, or projects
- The capacity of the applicant's organization and staff to achieve the desired result
- The sustainability of the proposed project without additional long-term financial commitments from ICCF

Applying for a Grant

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Iowa 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.iowaccf.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 319-243-1358. 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. **Note: Fiscal Sponsors are legally and financially responsible for funds that are approved and granted from ICCF.**
- One application per organization (exceptions may be made for government entities or Fiscal Sponsor organizations).
- **Grant request minimum of \$250.**
- There are no set of criteria that, if met, will guarantee funding.
- If the organization has received past funding from the Iowa County Community Foundation, all grant reporting must be up to date and in good standing, or they will be considered ineligible to apply.

Please read the guidelines and application instructions thoroughly before submitting the application.

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 July 2018.

Grant Conditions

Awarded applicants are required to:

1. Sign a Terms of Grant Agreement which clarifies legal parameters for use of the grant.
2. Submit an online report by **January 31, 2019** on the outcome of the funded project.

Questions

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

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