



2018 GRANT GUIDELINES

About the Winnebago County Community Foundation

The Winnebago County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, was formed with the intent to encourage endowment building for the long-term benefit of Winnebago County. The Community Foundation's main goals are to support Winnebago County and to attract additional funds to assist donors in creating lasting legacies through a variety of giving options within Winnebago County.

What We Support

The Winnebago County Community Foundation provides grants to improve life in Winnebago 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	

Funding Priorities

The WCCF Committee places high priority on funding projects that:

- Address a community based need, demonstrate broad community support, and benefits the community-at-large
- Show the organization's ability to leverage funding and support from other sources, budgets should clearly show all matching funds for projects
- Maximize community resources through cooperation and collaboration with other organizations in the community and avoid replication of services, programs, or projects
- Applicant organization and staff's capacity to achieve the desired result is important
- Show sustainability without additional long-term financial commitments from WCCF

The WCCF places low priority on the following and does not, as a general practice, fund these types of projects:

- Ongoing operating costs
- Salaries
- Church projects: projects that are for community-wide programs located in churches (such as food pantries, non-religious based daycares, senior citizen meals, etc.) may be considered for funding

Applying for a Grant

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Winnebago 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.winnebagoccf.org to access the online grant system, and to find additional resources for grant seekers.

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 501(c) (3) organizations, equivalent tax-exempt 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 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 WCCF.***
- One application per organization (exceptions may be made for government entities or Fiscal Sponsor organizations).
- **Minimum grant request is \$1,000.**
- There are no set of criteria that, if met, will guarantee funding.
- If the organization has received past funding from the Winnebago County Community Foundation, all grant reporting must be up to date and in good standing, or they will be considered ineligible to apply.

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.

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 9, 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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