



2018 GRANT GUIDELINES

About the Worth Community Foundation

The Worth Community Fund is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, created by and for the people of Worth County for the purpose of generating both endowed and unrestricted funds to support charitable capital projects, activities, services, programs, and organizations that will improve the quality of life for the residents of Worth County, Iowa.

What We Support

The Worth Community Foundation will provide grants to improve life in Worth County, Iowa. We want to help develop communities where people want to live, work, play and stay. Areas of giving are:

ART AND CULTURE

HEALTH

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

EDUCATION

HUMAN SERVICE

ENVIRONMENT

Review Criteria

- The relevance of the proposed project to 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)
- High priority is given to organizations that show the ability to leverage funding and support for the proposed project from other sources, including in-kind, cash, grants, and/or private donations
- 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 long-term financial commitments from WCCF

Applying for a Grant

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

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on September 30, 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 for Grants

- Applying organizations must be tax-exempt, non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations or government entities. 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.*** All applying tax-exempt organizations must be in good standing with the IRS at the time the application is submitted.
- 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. Please contact our administrative office to determine if an account has been created.
- **Minimum request amount is \$250.** Most grant amounts range from \$500 up \$5,000.
- If the organization has received past funding from the Worth County Community Foundation, all grant reporting must be up to date and in good standing.
- There is no set of criteria that, if met, will guarantee funding.

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.

Grant Decisions and Award Dates

- The grant application deadline is 11:59pm on September 30, 2018.
- All applicants will be notified of the results of the grant process in mid-December 2018.
- Grants will be awarded in January 2019.

Grant 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 by **July 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/or general application questions.

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