What We Fund
The Waterville Community Foundation will provide grants to improve life in Waterville, Iowa. We want to help develop a community where people want to live, work, play and stay. Areas of WCF giving are:

- Arts & Culture
- Community Betterment
- Education & Youth Development
- Environment & Animal Welfare
- Health
- Human Service

Grant Amounts
Most grant amounts range from $250 up to $1,500. As a reference, previous grant decisions are posted on the Community Foundation’s website. The annual amount to award is typically around $2,000.

Eligibility to Apply for Funding
Organizations must provide benefits to the people of the Waterville and must meet the following criteria in order to apply for a grant:

- Be classified as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or be a government entity. Tax-exempt organizations classified as other than 501(c)(3) are also eligible if and only if the project is deemed charitable; please contact our office to discuss the project’s eligibility prior to submitting a proposal.
- Be current with all state and federal reporting requirements, such as filing of 990 forms.
- Must not have any past due grant reports for previous Waterville Community Foundation grants.

For groups, projects, or initiatives that do not meet the above eligibility requirements, the Community Foundation will consider your requests if submitted through a fiscal sponsor. Fiscal sponsors must be classified as a 501(c)(3) or a government entity. The Foundation prefers that the fiscal sponsor’s mission closely align with the sponsored project.
Restrictions
In addition to the eligibility requirements, the following restrictions also apply:

- One application per organization. (Exceptions: Government Entities and Fiscal Sponsors)
- Grant request minimum is $250. Maximum is $1,500.
- Inherently religious activities such as religious worship, instruction, or proselytization or activities that promote specific religious doctrine are not eligible.
- The following are not eligible for funding through the Waterville Community Foundation:
  - Individuals
  - Businesses/For-Profit Companies
  - Economic Development for activities directly benefiting businesses
- 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 Selection Committee
The Waterville Community Foundation is made up of community volunteers from Waterville. This committee is responsible for making funding recommendations to the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa’s board of directors. The Committee carefully reviews and considers all eligible applications based on the guidelines stated herein. The 2022 Advisory Committee is:

Sandy Bresnahan
Peggy Khan
Dave Monserud
Amanda Streeper

Virgil Thorstenson
Clark White
Nancy Wonderlich

How to Apply
Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Waterville 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.watervillecf.org](http://www.watervillecf.org) to access the online grant system, and to find additional resources for grant seekers.

Important Dates
- The grant application deadline is 5:00 pm on September 30, 2022. Assistance with applications will be available until 5:00pm on the date of the deadline.
- All applicants will be notified of the results of the grant process in mid-December 2022.
- Grant awards will be sent out to recipients in January 2023.
- Grant reports, for successful applications, will be due on January 31, 2024.

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 to show the results of the project and to show that all the funds have been spent as intended. (If the project takes longer to complete, the Community Foundation will consider a request to extend the Grant Report deadline.)

Questions
Applicants should contact Dotti Thompson, program manager, at our administrative office at 319-243-1358 or dthompson@cfnieia.org with specific questions on eligibility or the application process.