



## 2018 GRANT GUIDELINES

### About the Floyd County Community Foundation

The Floyd County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by and for the people of Floyd County. The Foundation's mission is to strengthen Floyd County communities by encouraging charitable giving to create legacies for the future. Our grants are designed to act as a catalyst for community transformation and growth, enriching the lives of area citizens. We look for new ways to have a positive impact on Floyd County through innovative and high-impact grants.

### What We Support

The Floyd County Community Foundation provides grants to improve life in Floyd County, Iowa. We want to help develop communities that people want to live in, as well as to benefit rural areas of the county. Foundation funding supports projects in the following program areas: art and culture, community betterment, education, environment, health, historic preservation, and human service.

Within these broad categories, we look for projects that meet these threshold criteria:

- Is the project feasible?
- Is there a great need for the project?
- Is Community Foundation funding critical to the project's success?
- Is the project a catalyst for other positive outcomes or a building block for a larger community goal?
- Does the project involve collaboration among communities?

If your project meets these criteria, it may have a better chance of receiving funding.

### Grant Selection Process

Committee members of the Floyd County Community Foundation review and evaluate submitted applications before making final funding recommendations.

### Applying for a Grant

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Floyd 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.floydccf.org](http://www.floydccf.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 below)*

## Eligibility to Apply for Funding

To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be **501(c)(3), tax-exempt non-profit organizations or government entities** in good standing with the IRS, and the projects must benefit the residents of Floyd County. Charitable projects conducted by tax-exempt organizations classified as **other** than 501(c)(3) may also be eligible; please contact our office to discuss your proposal.

### Other eligibility:

- For groups, projects, or initiatives that are not classified by the IRS as 501(c)(3), tax-exempt non-profit organizations or government entities, the 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.
- One application per organization with the **exemption of Government Entities and Fiscal Sponsors; however, fiscal sponsors may submit only one application per sponsored organization.** Government entities may submit only one application per department.
- **Grant request minimum is \$250.**
- If the organization has received past funding from the Floyd 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.

## Grant Decision and Award Dates

- The grant application deadline is 11:59 pm on September 30, 2018.
- All applicants will be notified of the results of the grant decisions in mid-December.
- Grant awards will be presented at an award ceremony in early-mid 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

Organizations interested in applying are advised to contact Program Manager Dotti Thompson (319-243-1358 or [dthompson@cfnea.org](mailto:dthompson@cfnea.org)) with specific questions on submission procedures or eligibility.

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