



2018 GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

About the Grundy County Community Foundation

The Grundy 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 Grundy County. We serve a broad charitable purpose, working to retain assets in our community through the establishment of scholarships, agency endowments, donor advised funds, etc. Our grants are designed to act as a catalyst for community transformation and growth, enriching the lives of area citizens.

What We Support

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

Applying for a Grant

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Grundy County Community Foundation should fully review these grant guidelines prior to submitting an application to ensure all eligibility requirements are met.

Applicants must submit a completed grant application via the Foundation's online grant application system. Visit www.grundycf.org to access the online the 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.

Eligibility to Apply for Funding

- **Applicants 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, contact our administrative office.
- Eligible applicants may also include: churches (community services/activities), economic development organizations (for marketing/education), and service clubs with eligible tax exempt status (for charitable projects).
- 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 or Fiscal Sponsor, who must submit the application. ***Fiscal Sponsors are legally and financially responsible for any awarded funds.***
- There are no set of criteria that, if met, will guarantee funding.
- If the organization has received past funding from the Grundy County Community Foundation, all grant reporting must be up to date and in good standing or they will be considered ineligible for funding.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on December 31, 2017

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)

Grant Decisions

- Grant application deadline is 11:59 pm on December 31, 2017.
- All applicants will be notified of the results of the grant process in mid-March 2018.
- Grant awards will be presented at a ceremony in April 2018.

Grant Decisions

Awarded applicants are required to:

1. Sign a Terms of Grant Agreement which clarifies legal parameters for use of the grant.
2. Submit a short online report by **October 31, 2018** 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@cfneia.org) with specific questions on submission procedures or eligibility.

Grundy County Community Foundation 2018 Governing Committee Members:

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