



BUTLER COUNTY
**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

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2017 GRANT GUIDELINES

What is the Butler County Community Foundation?

The Butler County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, is created by and for the people of Butler County. The Community Foundation's main goals are to support Butler County and to attract additional funds to assist donors in creating lasting legacies through a variety of giving options within Butler County.

What We Support

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

Eligibility to Apply for Funding

- Applying organizations must be tax-exempt, non-profit entities classified by the IRS as 501(c)(3) organizations or government entities. Most schools, churches (for community services/activities), economic development organizations (for marketing & education), and service clubs (for charitable civic projects) qualify as well.
- If you have questions about eligibility or this classification, please contact our administrative office at 319-287-9106. 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/Fiscal Sponsor, who must submit the application. ***Fiscal Sponsors are legally and financially responsible for funds that are approved and granted from BCCF.***
- One application per organization (exceptions may be made for government entities or Fiscal Sponsor organizations).
- There are no set of criteria that, if met, will guarantee funding.
- If the organization has received past funding from the Butler County Community Foundation, all grant reporting must be up to date and in good standing, or they will be considered ineligible for funding.
- **CONSIDER APPLYING!** We look for new ways to have a positive impact on Butler County through innovative and high-impact grants.

Ineligible Applicants Include:

- **Individuals**
- **Businesses/For-Profit Companies**
- **Churches** for purpose of advancing one religion/evangelism
- **Economic Development** for activities directly benefiting businesses

Applying for a Grant:

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Butler County Community Foundation must submit a completed grant application via the Foundation's online grant application system which can be found on their website: www.butlerccf.org.

A step-by-step guide and a video tutorial are available on the website to help applicants with the process.

Incomplete or hard copy applications will not be considered.

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, 2017** on the outcome of the funded project.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59pm (CST) on December 31, 2016

When are grants awarded?

Charitable grants from the Butler County Community Foundation will be approved in March 2017. All applicants will be notified of the results of the grant process by March 31, 2017. Grant awards will be presented at a ceremony in April.

If you have questions contact:

Our administrative office at (319) 243-1358 or dthompson@cfneia.org

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