



## 2017 GRANT GUIDELINES

### What is the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation

The Cerro Gordo 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 Cerro Gordo County. The vision of the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation is to be a premier philanthropic program enhancing and impacting the lives of the residents of Cerro Gordo County through donor opportunities, endowment growth and management, and responsible and local grant distribution.

### What We Support

The Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation will provide grants to improve life in Cerro Gordo 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. 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 CGCCF.***
- One application per organization (exceptions may be made for government entities or Fiscal Sponsor organizations).
- Generally, the Cerro Gordo Community Foundation does not fund operational costs of projects.
- There are no set of criteria that, if met, will guarantee funding.
- If the organization has received past funding from the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation, all grant reporting must be up to date and in good standing.
- ***Failure to follow these requirements could cause your application to be denied.***

CONSIDER APPLYING! We look for new ways to have a positive impact on Cerro Gordo County through innovative and high-impact grants.

### Applying for a Grant

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation must submit a completed grant application via the Foundation's online grant application system available on the Community Foundation's website: [www.cerrogordoccf.org](http://www.cerrogordoccf.org)

#### **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 **December 31, 2017** on the outcome of the funded project.

### How to submit:

**All applications materials must be submitted through the online application system.** A step-by-step guide and a video tutorial are available on the website to help applicants in the process.

*Incomplete or hard copy applications will not be considered.*

**Applications must be submitted by midnight on April 1, 2017**

### When are grants awarded?

All applicants will be notified of the results of the grant process in **June 2017**.

Grant awards will be presented at a ceremony on **June 21, 2017**. A representative from organizations awarded a grant for their project are expected to attend to receive the grant award check.

Notification of the location of the ceremony will be mailed to the **Legal Applicant (Fiscal Sponsor) contact person's address** on the application. If you are a Fiscal Sponsor, you are responsible for notifying the sponsored agency of information pertaining to the application.

### Questions:

Applicants can contact our administrative office at 319-243-1358 or [dthompson@cfneia.org](mailto:dthompson@cfneia.org)

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