

Applying for a Grant from the Bremer County Community Foundation

Groups and organizations interested in seeking grants from the Bremer County Community Foundation are asked to submit:

1. A completed **Grant Application**.
2. **Cover letter** from the director or CEO of the organization.
3. A copy of the **overall budget** for the organization.
4. A copy of the **IRS letter** recognizing the organization as exempt under IRC 501(c)(3) or, alternatively, a fiscal sponsorship agreement signed by a 501(c)(3) organization. (Please call our administrative office at (319) 287-9106 with any questions or concerns regarding 501(c)(3) status.)

Applications are available at:

- Bremer County Community Foundation
118 East Bremer Avenue
Waverly, Iowa 50677
- All City Clerk Offices in Bremer County
- Online from our website:
www.cfneia.org/bremer

Awarded applicants are required to:

1. **Sign a Terms of Grant document** which clarifies legal parameters for use of the grant. Upon receipt of this form, our administrative office will send the grant check.
2. **Submit a short written report** within six months on the outcomes of the Foundationed program/project.

Grants from the Bremer County Community Foundation support all areas of life.

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Schedule for Grant Making

When are grants awarded?

Charitable grants from the Bremer County Community Foundation will be approved and distributed in June.

When should applications be submitted?

All copies of grant applications must be postmarked by March 31.

Please submit **14 copies of the completed applications** as follows (*note two locations*):

13 copies to our Local Address:

Bremer County Community Foundation
118 East Bremer Avenue
Waverly, Iowa 50677

AND

1 Original to our administrative office:

BCCF
PO Box 1176
Waterloo, Iowa 50704

Attachments to grant applications, if any, should be limited to four pages (not including the organization budget, cover letter, and the IRS 501(c)(3) letter or fiscal sponsorship agreement). The use of adhesive binding or plastic or metal binders for grant applications is discouraged.

When will applicants be contacted?

ALL applicants will be notified in writing in June when final decisions are made.

Applicants are invited to contact our administrative office at (319) 287-9106 with specific questions on eligibility.

Helping you help your community.



Grant Application Procedures & Checklist

BREMER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Administrative Office
(319) 287-9106

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What is the Bremer County Community Foundation?

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

Governing Committee:

Al Charlson (Waverly), *Chair*
Sue Stapleton (Janesville), *Vice-Chair*
Helen Schumacher (Denver), *Secretary*
Chris Foy (Waverly), *Treasurer*
Madeleine Ambrose (Tripoli)
Herbert Clemen (Readlyn)
Ken Kammeyer (Bremer County)
Roy Petersen (Waverly)
Tammy Redies (Frederika)
Marvin Schumacher (Bremer County)
Roger Traetow (Bremer County)
Gary Walke (Sumner)
Jolene White (Plainfield)

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Grants are awarded in all areas:

ARTS & CULTURE

Supporting the creative arts— theater, music, painting, sculpture, dance, strengthening the programs of local museums and libraries.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & DEVELOPMENT

Including the administration of justice, development of employment and training, encouragement of citizen participation in community affairs, and enhancement of local community resources.

EDUCATION

Improving the quality of education through support of both public and private institutions of learning.

ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION & PROTECTION

Supporting conservation of natural resources, preventing and eliminating pollution, preserving water quality, protecting wildlife, and educating the public about environmental priorities.

HEALTH

Helping alleviate human suffering through support of institutions dedicated to healing and wholeness of life through improvement of health care, prevention of substance abuse, and research into the causes and prevention of disease.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Assisting groups engaged in restoring structures and artifacts of historical importance to the area.

HUMAN SERVICES

Assisting youth, women, minorities, the elderly, the handicapped, and families in need.

Eligibility to Apply for Grants

- Applying organizations must be tax-exempt, non-profit entities classified by the IRS as 501(c)(3) organizations, governmental entities or, alternatively, must be sponsored by a 501(c)(3) organization. If you have questions about eligibility or this classification, please contact our administrative office at (319) 287-9106.
- Applying organizations must be located or operate in Bremer County.
- There are no set of criteria that, if met, will guarantee funding.
- CONSIDER APPLYING. We look for new ways to have a positive impact on Bremer County through innovative and high-impact grants.
- Only one grant application per year will be accepted from any group or organization.
- Grant amounts range from \$500 up to \$10,000.

Questions?

Please contact our Chair, Al Charlson, at (319) 483-1022, or our administrative office at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa at (319) 287-9106.

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