



2017 GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

What is 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.

The State of Iowa also sees the value of community foundations. In fact, in recent years, the State of Iowa has undertaken several initiatives to promote the formation and growth of community foundations, including the County Endowment Fund program and the Endow Iowa Tax Credit. Contact our administrative office if you would like more information about the advantages of giving to the Grundy County Community Foundation.

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

Eligibility to Apply for Funding

- Legal 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, 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 the Grundy County Community Foundation. Tax-exempt organizations classified under IRC sections other than 501(c)(3) should contact our administrative office to discuss eligibility.
- 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.

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

Application Deadline: December 31, 2016

Reminder:

Eligible applicants include: 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, churches (for community services/activities), government entities (for charitable civic activities), economic development organizations (for marketing & education), schools, and service clubs with 501(c)(3) or other eligible tax exempt status (for charitable civic projects).

Applying for a Grant

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Grundy 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.grundyccf.org. Applications must be submitted by midnight CST on **December 31, 2016**.

All application 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.

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When are grants awarded

Charitable grants from the Grundy County Community Foundation will be approved in March 2017.

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

Grant awards will be presented at a ceremony in April.

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.

If you have questions contact:

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

Grundy County Community Foundation 2017 Governing Committee Members:

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