



2017 GRANT GUIDELINES

What is the Winnebago County Community Foundation?

The Winnebago 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 Winnebago County. The Community Foundation's main goals are to support Winnebago County and to attract additional funds to assist donors in creating lasting legacies through a variety of giving options within Winnebago County.

What We Support

The Winnebago County Community Foundation provides grants to improve life in Winnebago 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	HEALTH
COMMUNITY BETTERMENT	HISTORIC PRESERVATION
EDUCATION	HUMAN SERVICE
ENVIRONMENT	

Eligible applicants include: 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, churches (**see below for further information**), government entities, most economic development organizations (for marketing & education), schools, and service clubs (for charitable civic projects).

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 WCCF.***
- 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 Winnebago County Community Foundation, all grant reporting must be up to date and in good standing, or they will be considered ineligible to apply.

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

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm (CST) on April 1, 2017

Funding Priorities

The WCCF Committee places high priority on the following:

- Projects that address a community based need, demonstrate broad-based community support, and provide benefits to the community-at-large

- Projects that show the organization’s ability to leverage funding and support from other sources, budgets should clearly show all matching funds for projects
- Projects that maximize community resources through cooperation and collaboration with other organizations in the community and avoid replication of services, programs, or projects
- Applicant organization and staff’s capacity to achieve the desired result is important
- Sustainable projects without additional long-term financial commitments from WCCF are highly encouraged

The WCCF places low priority on the following and does not, as a general practice, fund these types of projects:

- Ongoing operating costs
- Salaries
- Church projects: projects that are for community-wide programs located in churches (such as food pantries, non-religious based daycares, senior citizen meals, etc.) may be considered for funding

Applying for a Grant

Applicants interested in seeking grants from the Winnebago County Community Foundation are required to submit a completed grant application via the Foundation’s online grant application system available on the Community Foundation’s website: www.winnebagoccf.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 **January 31, 2018** on the outcome of the funded project.

How to submit:

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 Winnebago County Community Foundation will be approved in June 2017.

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

Grant awards will be presented at a ceremony in June.

If you have questions contact:

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

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