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## METRO FUNDERS

### “Metro Funders Fund”

The Community Foundation of Waterloo/Cedar Falls and Northeast Iowa administers the philanthropic networking collective, Metro Funders, which is a loose association of various grantmaking organizations in the Black Hawk County area with over 17 members.

Its mission is to increase information between fund organizations and the fund seekers in order to improve the efficiency of the Cedar Valley’s non-profit network. It is an essential provider of valuable information, training and collaborative opportunities for both funders and fund seekers.

Metro Funders has recently adopted a common application that is used by many agencies requesting grant funding. The common application makes the process smooth and streamlined for organizations, allowing staff and volunteers more time to devote to their charitable missions. Metro Funders also collects, manages, and clarifies granting information and has tools to simplify the grant seekers process. The seekers of grants can go to one site to receive information instead of searching numerous organizations for funds (<http://www.metrofunders.org/index.htm>).

Financial contributions to Metro Funders are administered through the Metro Funders Fund at the Community Foundation of Waterloo/Cedar Falls and Northeast Iowa.

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