



2022 Community Impact Grant Guidelines

Guiding Principles

Our region's future depends on ensuring everyone can thrive. We value the voices of all community members because each is critical to removing barriers and opening access to opportunity.

The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque (CFGD) wishes to signal to groups with diverse cultures, philosophies, and experiences that they are welcome partners in its efforts. CFGD will seek grantees and partners that incorporate diversity into their missions and strive to encourage diverse governance boards, partner organizations and served constituencies wherever practicable. It will seek to assure that its grantmaking activities reflect and promote the diversity of the communities we serve.

Results Based Funding

All applicants should be able to show how their program improves the lives of those living in Northeast Iowa. Qualified applicants could also include:

- Programs and projects in economic opportunity, education, and equity that serve a broad sector of the community, are innovative, and are responsive to changing community needs
- Programs and projects that will enable nonprofits to reduce costs, increase efficiency, and move toward self-sufficiency
- "Seed Grants" to initiate promising new projects and programs so that such projects and programs are able to demonstrate their usefulness to the community
- Programs and projects that address and help resolve important existing or emerging community issues
- Programs and projects that facilitate cooperation and collaboration among organizations

Community Impact Grant Timeline:

- Monday, August 8 to Thursday, August 18 – intent to apply forms accepted online
- By Monday, August 22 – finalist organizations will be invited to pitch a proposal to our Community Leadership & Grantmaking Committee; remaining organizations will be notified of their status
- August-September – organizations will work with CFGD staff and the Innovation Lab to refine their pitches
- Tuesday, September 27 at 3-4:15 PM – organizations will pitch their proposals to the Committee
- Early October – the Committee will present grants to the Board of Directors for approval
- Monday, October 17 – grantees will be notified of their award
 - Grantees are required to sign an agreement before funds are distributed which clarifies legal parameters for use of the grant

Award Information

The Community Foundation will make awards between \$3,500-\$15,000.

Applying for a Grant - To express your intent to apply through CFGD's grant system, please visit dbqfoundation.org/communityimpact.

Limitations & Restrictions

Geographic Area

CFGD considers grant applications only from nonprofit organizations in Clayton, Clinton, and Dubuque counties. Proposals from nonprofit organizations outside of the three county area may apply ONLY if the proposed project benefits Clayton, Clinton, and Dubuque counties exclusively. Projects that have already identified key partners, venues or other means to deliver services before applying for the grant are preferable.

IRS Charitable Status

Entities that have a 501(c)3 designation by the Internal Revenue Service or schools, churches, or municipalities are eligible to apply for these funds. An entity that does not hold a tax exempt status under 501(C) 3 of the IRS Code must obtain a fiscal sponsor who has a current tax exempt status under Section 501(C) 3 of the IRS Code.

Multi-Year Requests

In order to provide the greatest immediate impact and to respond to current needs, multi-year requests are not accepted.

Multiple Submissions

Organizations are limited to one grant proposal for consideration during a single Community Impact grant cycle.

Ineligible for Grants

- Individuals
- Lobbying activities
- Debt retirement or budget deficits
- Tuition, scholarships or core operating expenses for public schools, charter schools, private schools, or universities and colleges
- Annual campaigns, fundraising campaigns or events
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Political activities
- Purchases or activities that occur prior to grant decisions

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