



## 2023 Grant Guidelines

The Jones County Community Foundation (JCCF) will annually determine and award grants for the betterment of Jones County and its residents.

### JCCF Funding Priorities:

- Improve economic well-being or quality of life
  - Encourage community responsibility for solving community problems
  - Develop leadership opportunities
  - Benefit the community's low- and moderate-income population
  - Ensure equal opportunity in housing, services, and economic opportunity
  - Build capacity for non-profits and civic organizations
  - Reduce food insecurity, homelessness or inadequate housing
- Improve educational opportunities
  - Increase literacy and basic skills development
  - Address the needs of students most at-risk for non-enrollment, truancy or dropping out
  - Support educators and staff through development, promote recruitment and retention
  - Promote inclusiveness and diversity

\*A special emphasis will be placed on proposals that address Grade Level Reading proficiency
- Address community capital improvements
  - Construction, repair, renovation or other capital improvements to buildings and structures that serve and support the general populace
  - Capital projects that generally lack adequate government funding, including but not limited to libraries, emergency services and recreation
  - Capital projects supporting not for profits providing services that meet other priorities listed here
- Maintain or improving the health of Jones County residents
  - Social service projects that benefit health and well-being, especially those that are most at risk or underserved
  - Develop long term solutions to problems, addresses cause, not symptoms
  - Promote self-sufficiency, independence especially for elderly and disabled
  - Improve access and capacity of health care services
- Promote Jones County tourism and recreation
  - Preserve, develop, and expand attractions and events unique to Jones County
  - Promote creation of public and performing arts and cultural attractions
  - Enhance awareness of Jones County destinations & events

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- Support recreational facilities, parks, trails and playgrounds
- Maintain Jones County heritage
  - Preserve the history of Jones County
  - Increase access to significant resources highlighting the history and culture of Jones County, especially frequently overlooked or underrepresented cultures and ethnicities
  - Support and encourage lifelong learning experiences
- Support conservation efforts
  - Encourage responsible stewardship and conservation of our natural resources
  - Encourage preservation and protection of critical habitat
  - Promote the recreational use of public areas as deemed appropriate

## Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for funding, an organization/program must:

- Provide services within Jones County
- Be a Nonprofit 501(c)3, public institution, and/or charitable organization. For organizations without nonprofit status, partnering with a fiscal sponsor organization will be required; if you need clarification on fiscal sponsorship, please contact Doug Edel at [jccf@dbqfoundation.org](mailto:jccf@dbqfoundation.org).
- Operate in a manner that no applicable anti-discrimination laws are violated.

Organizations may not be awarded a grant for two consecutive years.

## What we do not fund:

- Inherently religious activities such as religious worship, instruction, or proselytization or activities that promote specific religious doctrine
- Organization's recurring operating expenses (i.e., staffing, building rent)
- Multi-year funding requests

## Matching Grant Requirements:

A minimum hard cash match of 25% of the amount requested is required. In-kind matches will not be considered. Example: \$1,000 Grant Request, \$250 or 25% hard cash match, totaling \$1,250 project budget

## Guidelines for Applicants:

- Applications can be completed online at <https://goapply2.akoyago.com/dubuque/application/jccf>.
- Application for grants must be submitted before October 16th, 2023, at Midnight.
- Grants will be awarded late in November 2023 and presented at a celebration on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.
- Applicants may be asked to attend a brief meeting to clarify questions from this

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application.

- All projects must be initiated and completed within one year of the grant award.
- Upon completion of the project, but before December 31st, 2024, the grant recipient will be required to submit a final grant report.
- Maximum grant request amount that will be considered is \$35,000.00.

## Grant Considerations:

- Does this project effectively serve a community need or problem?
- What is the overall impact of the project?
- Is the project collaborative and partnering with other local groups/agencies? Does the project build on or avoid duplicating the services of other agencies?
- Are the project goals and outcomes clear and measurable? What is the return on investment?
- Does this project meet the funding interests of the JCCF?
- Is the project budget realistic and thoughtfully completed? Does the project hit the required match amount?