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
• 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.
• 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
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?