

## Grantmaking Guidelines/Policies

The Foundation for the Future of Delaware County (FFDC) will annually determine and award grants for the betterment of the county and its residents.

### Who is Eligible?

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

- Provide services within Delaware County and/or support Delaware County residents.
- Operate in a manner that no applicable anti-discrimination laws are violated.
- 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 along with a signed agreement from the fiscal sponsor who will be legally and financially responsible; if you need clarification on fiscal sponsorship, please contact Amanda Diers at [ffdc@dbqfoundation.org](mailto:ffdc@dbqfoundation.org) .
- Organizations may apply for up to **\$7,500** for their projects or program.

### Our Funding Priorities:

We award grants in the areas of Health and Human Services, Education, Neighborhoods and Community Development, the Environment, Children, Youth, and Families, and Arts and Culture, including historic preservation.

Please note: Beginning in 2026, priority will be given to organizations that did not receive funding in the prior year.

### What we do not fund

In general, grants are not made from County Endowment Funding for the following:

- Religious purposes (this does not exclude grants to religious organizations)
- Endowments
- Individuals
- One day events
- Organizations recurring operating expenses (i.e., staffing, building rent, etc.)
- More than one grant per year to each organization

### Details for Applicants:

- Organizations utilizing a Fiscal Sponsor must provide a signed non-501(c)(3) Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement. (Provided in grant application and on website)
- Schools and Government Organizations must provide a current signed letter of approval from their Superintendent or Mayor.
- Applicants may be contacted for clarification or additional information.
- Application must be submitted by **March 11, 2026**, at Midnight.
- Grants will be awarded late in April 2026 and presented at a celebration on **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at the **Delaware County Fairgrounds Community Center**, 200 East Acers St, Manchester, IA 52057.
- Upon completion of the project, but before **January 31, 2027**, the grant recipient will be required to submit a final grant report. Any organization that has not filed the previous year's report will not be eligible for funding the following year.

### Questions or need help?

- Questions at any time: Contact Amanda Diers, FFDC Executive Director, 563.880.3816, [ffdc@dbqfoundation.org](mailto:ffdc@dbqfoundation.org)
- Scheduled In-Person hours available:
  - Edgewood, Woods Edge Golf Course– Wednesday, February 18th 4-5pm
  - Hopkinton Library – Thursday, March 5th 4-6pm
- Virtual Workshops – check the Facebook page for the link to join:
  - February 24<sup>th</sup> at Noon
  - March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

Applications can be found online at <https://goapply2.akoyago.com/dubuque/application/ffdc2026>.