

Grantmaking Guidelines/Policies

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

Who is Eligible?

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

- Provide services within Delaware County
- 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; if you need clarification on fiscal sponsorship, please contact Amanda Diers at ffdc@dbqfoundation.org.
- Organizations may apply for up to **\$7,500** for their projects.

Our Funding Priorities:

1. **Health & Human Services-** Encompasses social service projects that benefit the underserved segments of our community. For example, issues of homelessness, health care, hunger, poverty, and the elderly.
2. **Education-** Encompass community education projects that serve all age groups and segments of our population.
3. **Neighborhoods and Community Development-** Programs that address community and neighborhood development, both social and economic.
4. **Our Environment-** Programs that address our natural resources and environment.
5. **Children, Youth & Families-** Programs that enhance the quality of life for children and youth through opportunities to enhance their intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development.
6. **Arts and Culture-** Programs that increase access to and awareness of arts and culture.

What we do not fund

In general, grants are not made from Community Needs Fund 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 (with exception to city, hospital, and schools)

Guidelines for Applicants:

- Applications can be found online at <https://goapply2.akoyago.com/dubuque/application/ffdc> .
- 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 signed letter of approval from their Superintendent or Mayor.
- Application must be submitted by March 15th, 2024, at Midnight.
- Organizations are required to sign a grant agreement before funding is released.
- Grants will be awarded late in April 2024 and presented at a celebration on **Tuesday, May 7, 2024** at the **Delaware County Fairgrounds Community Center**, 200 East Acers St, Manchester, IA 52057.
- We ask that at least one person from the organization receiving the grant attend.
- All projects must be initiated and completed by the end of the year.
- Upon completion of the project, but before January 31st, 2025, 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.
- Maximum grant request amount that will be considered is **\$7,500**.

Questions or need help?

- In-Person hours available:
 - Manchester Public Library – Tuesday, February 20th 4-6pm
 - Edgewood – Woods Edge Golf Course– Wednesday, February 21st 4-6pm
 - Ryan – Ryan City Council Chambers – Tuesday, February 27th 4-6pm
 - Hopkinton Library – Thursday, February 29th 4-6pm
- Questions at any time: Contact Amanda Diers, FFDC Executive Director, 563.880.3816, ffdc@dbqfoundation.org