

COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS

For Organizations Under Seven Years Old

PROGRAM SUPPORT GRANTS

Program Support Grants support new, innovative programs and sustain current and/or ongoing programs of non-profits that serve Linn County, Iowa.

ORGANIZATION SUPPORT GRANTS

Organization Support Grants provide funding for general operating costs or capacity-building projects for nonprofits that serve Linn County, Iowa.

- Organizations may apply for a Program Support Grant and/or an Organization Support Grant in the Spring or Fall grant cycle if they do not have a currently active grant in the program for which they are applying.
- For organizations with operating budgets greater than \$125,000, the maximum request amount is \$25,000.
- Organizations with operating budgets less than \$125,000 may request an amount up to 20% of their operating budget per request (rounded up to the nearest \$100).
 - A shorter application for Program Support and Organization Support is available for one-year requests from non-governmental organizations headquartered in Linn County with budgets under \$125,000 and requests \$5,000 or less.
 - Organizations that are primarily volunteer-driven and/or have a very small operating budget should contact the Program Officer to discuss the eligible amount for their specific situation.
- The Community Foundation generally does not fund more than 20% of an organization's operating budget between Program Support and Organization Support grants total in a calendar year.

LINN COUNTY GRANTS

Support for efforts in Linn County outside the metropolitan area (Cedar Rapids, Marion, Hiawatha, Robins, Fairfax)

- Organizations can submit one application per year
- Grant Term: 12 months
- Grant Amount: maximum of \$10,000

RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS

Support for emergency expenses and emerging opportunities that could not have been submitted within a regular grant cycle.

- Organizations are limited to one grant per 12 months
- Grant Term: Up to 12 months
- Grant Amount: maximum of \$2,500

Check each grant opportunity on our website for full eligibility criteria including organization type, age, budget, and location.



ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE

For Organizations More Than Seven Years Old

ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE GRANTS

Endowment Challenge Grants are matching grants supporting nonprofit organizations in building endowments in Linn County, Iowa. The matching endowment fund is opened and held at the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. Nonprofit endowment funds invest in the mission and the future of the organization by providing general operating support, stability during cyclical income variances, and income for areas of high importance to the organization.

- Grant of \$25,000, awarded as a 1:3 matching grant
- Five years to meet the match

Nonprofit organizations that are at least seven years old (based on the date of the IRS letter of determination) and hold 501(c)(3) status may apply if they meet two or more of the following criteria:

- The organization is based in Linn County, Iowa
- The organization serves residents of Linn County, Iowa
- An awarded Endowment Challenge Grant will only serve residents of Linn County, Iowa
- The organization currently holds one or more nonprofit endowed funds at the Community Foundation. The fund(s) must have been opened AND have a balance at or above the \$10,000 fund minimum at least one year prior to the date of application.

See Endowment Challenge page on our website for full details and Endowment Challenge fund management information.

COMPETITIVE DONOR-ADVISED GRANTS

(no limitations based on organization age or size)

COMPETITIVE DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

The Community Foundation administers competitive grants for local corporations and family foundations. Competitive Donor-Advised Funds are donor-driven. The funding priorities, exclusions, decision-making, and timing of grant awards are determined by the donor.

- Altorfer, Inc.
- Bloomhall Family
- Diamond V
- GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation
- Lil' Drug Store Products
- McGrath Automotive Group
- World Class Industries
- Girls with Goals

OTHER GRANT FUNDS

The Community Foundation provides administrative support for the following additional grant opportunities. The funding priorities, exclusions, decision-making, and timing of grant awards are determined by the donor.

- Friends Helping Friends

More information on all grant opportunities and the Grantmaking Equity Statement can be found at www.gccrf.org/nonprofits/grants.