

BEYOND CRAYONS & COMPUTERS GRANTS

Beyond Crayons and Computers Grants, up to \$1,000, awarded through the Merrill Area Community Foundation are designed to enhance and reward innovative teaching, learning, and special motivational activities in Merrill area schools – public and private, grades pre-K through 12th grade.

WHAT WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for INNOVATIVE and CREATIVE projects that:

- Demonstrate a sense of community by partnering with or impacting our Merrill community
- Enrich the educational experience, motivate and inspire students, educators and/or the community
- Fill a specific need and are educational and fun for students
- Are cost-effective

Proposals should identify the impact the Community Foundation has on the project. Integration of curriculums is encouraged, and joint proposals from teams of teachers in one or more schools are welcome and encouraged. The participation of parents, volunteers, or other members of the community is highly encouraged.

WHAT WE DO NOT GENERALLY FUND

Funding is not generally awarded for items the committee feels should be provided for within the school district's budget, including core curriculum items, staff, or transportation. The committee also tends not to fund refreshments, rewards, or incentive programs. Materials and equipment associated with project funding become the property of the school.

If you have any questions in the application process, contact Linda Semling Peterson, Merrill Community Foundation board member, at lindasempt@aol.com; or the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin office at info@cfoncw.org or 715.845.9555.

SNAPSHOT

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Foundation utilizes an online grant management system to accept applications electronically, review the applications, track the recipient's progress, and accept final reports.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

October 1

Applicants will be notified by the end of October regarding the status of their request.

GRANT RANGE

Up to \$1,000

FOLLOW UP REQUIREMENTS

The Community Foundation requires recognition of its grants. The Foundation's logo will be provided and should be used where appropriate.

Recipients are also required to document and submit photographs, which may be used in Foundation publications or marketing materials.

A final report is due within 30 days of project completion or by the end of the school year, whichever comes first.

Nondiscrimination Policy

The Community Foundation only considers applications from organizations that do not discriminate on the basis of race, ancestry, color, age, familial status, disability, religion, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful sources of income, national origin, or any other discriminatory practice prohibited by state or federal law. Applicants will be asked to provide their organization's nondiscrimination policy.