

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin matches donated resources with innovative ideas from nonprofit organizations that meet community needs. They do that through a quarterly application review and distribution process. Applications are evaluated with consideration to the policies, funding objectives, and mission of the Community Foundation.

WHAT WE LOOK FOR

We attempt to understand both the specific objectives of a request and the long-term benefits that will be derived by the community if the project is funded. Consideration is given primarily to those organizations that are tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

In awarding Community Enhancement Grants, our Distributions Committee favors innovative proposals that:

- Enhance the vibrancy and livability of the greater Wausau area and Marathon County
- Apply the Community Foundation's resources where they will be used wisely to make a long-term, tangible difference in meeting a specific community need
- Demonstrate community impact and outreach
- Reduce service duplication and promote agency collaboration

WHAT WE DO NOT GENERALLY FUND

- Annual campaigns
- Operating expenses or losses
- Debt retirement
- Endowments
- Direct support of individuals
- Lobbying
- Sectarian causes

It is highly recommended that applicants discuss their idea with Foundation staff prior to submitting an application. Contact Sue Nelson, program officer, at (715) 845-9555 or sue@cfoncw.org.

SNAPSHOT

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

Application link:
<https://cfoncw.org/grants-scholarships/community-grants/>

APPLICATION DEADLINE

First business day of March, June, September, and December

GRANT RANGE

\$1,000 to \$100,000 depending on the scope of the project

APPLICATION REVIEW & NOTIFICATION

Our Distributions Committee reviews proposals several weeks after the application deadline. Community Foundation staff will occasionally contact the applicant for specific information regarding their proposal prior to the committee meeting. In some cases, a site visit is requested. The board of directors awards grants based upon the Distribution Committee's recommendations. Applicants are generally notified by program staff regarding the status of their application within 30 days of the application deadline.

FOLLOW UP REQUIREMENTS

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

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

The final report is due within 30 days of project completion or two years from the award date, 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 may be asked to provide their organization's nondiscrimination policy.

