

GRANT GUIDELINES

AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE



The Merrill Community Foundation accepts grant applications from organizations within Merrill and its surrounding communities, working to enhance the lives of residents and visitors. **For any questions, please contact us at info@merrillcf.org.**

Eligible Organizations

We welcome grant applications from organized groups serving Merrill and surrounding areas, including:

- Registered nonprofit organizations; organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status
- Local chapters of state or national organizations
- Educational, religious, and government organizations offering programs that serve the broader public

Project Eligibility Requirements

The Foundation's Advisory Board reviews the grant applications and considers projects meeting these criteria:

- Aligns with the Foundation's charitable mission in areas such as human services, education, health and wellness, arts and culture, environmental stewardship, and community development
- Shows clear alignment with the applying organization's mission and goals
- Demonstrates the organization's financial and leadership capability to complete/maintain the project
- Can be implemented within a two-year timeframe

Ineligible Projects

- Indirect costs not essential to project implementation
- Debt elimination, refinancing, individual grants, or any type of loan
- Political campaign activities or organizations
- Exclusively religious or sectarian purposes

Application Checklist

- Submission deadlines: **April 10** and **September 10** annually
- Organizations may submit one application per cycle (maximum two annually)
- Consultation with a Foundation Advisory Board Member is recommended
- Applications must be submitted through the online portal can be found at cfoncw.org/merrill-community-foundation or scan the QR code to access to the portal



After Submission and Grant Recipient Requirements

Our Grants Committee will review your application, followed by final decisions from the Advisory Board. We may request additional information during this process. Applicants will receive notification within four weeks of the deadline. Successful applicants must:

- Participate in award ceremonies when requested
- Submit a final project report within 60 days of completion or one year from award date
- Include the acknowledgment "Supported by the Merrill Community Foundation" in project materials
- Provide documentation including media coverage, photographs, and related materials in the final report

Nondiscrimination Policy

The Merrill Community Foundation does not discriminate based on race, ancestry, color, age, familial status, handicap, religion, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income, national origin, or any other discriminatory basis prohibited by state or federal law. To be eligible for funding, grant applicants are expected to adhere to these same standards.

We look forward to partnering with you to strengthen and enhance the Merrill community for everyone who calls it home or visits our area.

Merrill Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, Inc.



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