

# BEYOND CRAYONS & COMPUTERS

## GRANT GUIDELINES

Beyond Crayons & Computers Grants, awarded through the Merrill 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

Innovative and creative projects that:

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

Applicants should identify how receiving a grant would impact the project. Integration of curricula is encouraged as well as joint proposals from teams of teachers in one or more schools. The participation of parents, volunteers, or other members of the community is also 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 does not usually fund refreshments, rewards, or incentive programs. Materials and equipment associated with project funding become the property of the school.

### Additional Information or Questions

If you have any questions in the application process, contact the Merrill Community Foundation at [info@merrillcf.org](mailto:info@merrillcf.org) or call the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin office at (715) 845-9555.

### 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. Consideration is given primarily to those organizations that are tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

## 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.

Find the application portal at [cfoncw.org/merrill-community-foundation](http://cfoncw.org/merrill-community-foundation) or scan the QR to access it directly.



### APPLICATION DEADLINE

First Application Deadline: November 10, with funding decisions by December 1. Project completion by the end of the current school year.

Second Application Deadline: February 10, with funding decisions by March 1. Project completion by the end of the following school year.

### GRANT RANGE

Up to \$2,000

### 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 pictures, 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.