



Community Funds Grant Application Guidelines

The Community Foundation accepts applications to Community Funds three times each year.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on March 1, July 1, and November 1. Grant awards are announced approximately ten weeks after each deadline.

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

Grant seekers are strongly encouraged to contact the Community Foundation's program staff to discuss your grant proposal prior to submitting a formal application.

Once you have discussed your proposal with program staff, you will need to complete and submit an online application. Access to the application portal can be found at:

www.kcfoundation.org/community-funds

THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA WE SERVE

Kosciusko County

GRANTMAKING AREAS OF INTEREST

- Education
- Human Services
- Environment
- Recreation
- Health
- Arts & Culture
- Civic

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FAVORS AWARDING GRANTS THAT:

- Reach a broad segment of the community, especially those affecting citizens whose needs are not being met by existing services that are normally expected to be provided by private rather than government sources
- Request seed money to create innovative opportunities to meet needs in the community
- Stimulate and encourage additional funding
- Promote cooperation and avoid duplication
- Help make a charitable organization more effective and efficient to be self-sustaining

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PLACES LOW PRIORITY ON THE FOLLOWING, WHICH ARE UNLIKELY TO RECEIVE FUNDING:

- Projects where Kosciusko County Community Foundation is the sole funder
- Reduction of debt (including payment for items purchased prior to grant approval)
- Travel
- Attendance at conferences, seminars or other projects
- Programs that fall more appropriately under government funding, such as operating expenses for public schools and police or fire protection
- Requests from organizations that have an open Community Funds grant file (i.e., a balance remaining on a previous grant or an unfiled final report)

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WILL NOT CONSIDER GRANTS FOR:

- Individuals
- Political activities or those designated to influence legislation
- National organizations (unless the monies are to be used solely to benefit citizens of Kosciusko County)
- Fund-raising projects
- The direct benefit of the donor or the donor's family
- Religious organizations for the sole purpose of furthering that religion (this prohibition does not apply to funds created by donors who have specifically designated religious organizations as beneficiaries of the funds)*
- Contributions to endowments*

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact program staff by calling (574) 267-1901, by visiting us at 102 East Market Street, Warsaw, IN 46580, or visit our website: www.kcfoundation.org

**These guidelines are for the Community Foundation's Community Funds (non-designated), from which competitive grants are awarded. Please contact us for information on other fund types.*