AWS Foundation
Accessible Communities Fund
Grant Application Guidelines

Kosciusko County
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Inspiring Generosity. Strengthening Communities.

The Community Foundation accepts applications to the AWS Foundation Accessible Communities Fund on an ongoing basis. Grant awards are announced approximately four to six weeks after submission. Grants of up to $5,000 will be made until all funds have been awarded.

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

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 to ensure eligibility.

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/grants/aws/

The Community Foundation and AWS Foundation support the Guiding Principles for this fund, as listed on this page. Applicants **must** describe how how the request meets one more of the Guiding Principles and serve Kosciusko County residents.

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*

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:
- Individuals with disabilities deserve a **choice-driven life** (self-determination). Preferences, opinions, priorities and accommodations are best defined by the individual rather than for the individual.
- **Inclusion and integration** are better than segregation. The more inclusive and integrated an environment, activity or program, the more it benefits everyone.
- Opportunities are presented with a focus on **encouraging potential**, rather than identifying limitations.
- Social settings that include **family and friends** are preferred. Age-related peer groups and the potential for new friends are ideal.
- ADA standards are the law and the minimum. Exceeding through the principles of **Universal Design** is desirable.
- Opportunities that enhance and support education and employment potential will contribute to **greater independence** for the individual.
- No one has all the answers. **Collaboration** increases the potential for greater opportunities.

For videos that feature community organizations doing work that supports these Guiding Principles, please visit the AWS Foundation's website here:
www.awsfoundation.org/who-we-are/

Kosciusko County Community Foundation is committed to equity in the delivery of our grants, scholarships, programs and services. We value all people. We do not discriminate against individuals based on race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, age, marital status or genetic information.

These guidelines are for the Community Foundation's AWS Foundation Accessible Communities Fund only. Please contact us for information on other fund types.