

# Grant Application Guidelines

Blackford County Community Foundation – 2022

Blackford County Community Foundation has developed the following guidelines to assist those applying for grant funds.

**Fields of Interest** – Our Community Foundation will focus primarily on these fields of interest; however, it expects to remain flexible in its grant-making activities.

## Community Development

- Arts and cultural development
- Community parks
- Community beautifications, improvement and enhancement projects

## Community Services Planning & Coordination

- Health services coordination
- Human services coordination

## Education

- Community education on relevant issues
- Post-secondary, secondary, elementary, preschool and special education

## Health

- Community health services
- Mental health services

## Human Services

- Elderly services
- Children and youth services
- Family services
- Youth advancement

## Consideration Requirements

- Grants are not awarded to profit-making enterprises.
- Grants are not awarded to support political activities.
- Grants are not awarded to support operating budgets of organizations, except for limited experimental or demonstration periods. *Exceptions to this policy may be made when there are compelling reasons.*
- Governmental units applying for any budgeted items need to show why additional funding is needed.
- Grants are not awarded for sectarian or religious purposes or to sectarian or religious organizations operated primarily for the benefit of their own members.
- Capital grants to building campaigns will only be made when there is evidence that such support is vital to the success of a program meeting priority needs of the community. Payments of such grants are made only after a significant percentage of the total campaign requirements have been raised.
- Grants are not awarded for endowment purposes.
- Special project grants may be made to individuals.
- All grants are awarded in accordance with current regulations issued pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. (No Transportation costs allowed.)

## Criteria that Governs Grant Decisions

Applications will be evaluated and prioritized with the following questions in mind:

- How significant is the problem or opportunity?
- How many people will this project benefit?
- Is the timing for this project appropriate?
- Are you collaborating or partnering with other organizations?
- Are other organizations financially supporting this project?
- Is there a possibility of future or continued support for this project from the community or other organizations?

### How to Apply

- Contact our Executive Director at [elizabeth@blackfordcounty.org](mailto:elizabeth@blackfordcounty.org) or 765-348-3411 to determine if your proposal fits the guidelines.
- Submit a copy of your application for preliminary review to:  
Blackford County Community Foundation, Inc.  
121 N High Street  
PO Box 327  
Hartford City IN 47348
- After your application has been reviewed, Foundation staff will contact you regarding next steps.

### Cycle I Grants

**Deadline:** Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Approval:** Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

### Cycle II Grants

**Deadline:** Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

**Approval:** Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>