# Grant Application Guidelines

Blackford County Community Foundation – 2024

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 or 765-348-3411 to determine if your proposal fits the guidelines.
* Submit a copy of your application 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** **Cycle II Grants**

**Deadline:** Thursday, February 1st  **Deadline:** Thursday, August 1st

**Approval:** Thursday, March 21st **Approval:** Thursday, September 19th