



Competitive Grantmaking Guidelines

1. Purpose

The Community Foundation of Marquette County is interested in funding projects that enrich the lives of people in Marquette County. Eligible projects generally fall within these categories, but not limited to: region specific, youth, education, environmental, arts, volunteer recruitment, music, women/girls, health and wellness, clean energy, homelessness prevention, recreation, community development, social services and all-around improvement of life within Marquette County. The Foundation aims to support creative approaches to community needs and problems that benefit the widest possible range of people.

2. Eligibility

The Foundation welcomes grant applications from the Marquette County area or outside Marquette County if a significant number of people to be served reside within Marquette County. Applicants must be tax exempt according to Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, an educational institution, governmental unit, or churches (grant request must serve the general community).

3. Criteria

Successful applications will be for projects which:

- Promote development or strengthening of community assets
- Have a positive long-term impact on program participants/community
- Are innovative and imaginative
- Lead to prevention of recurring need
- Promote collaboration/cooperation among area organizations with related or supportive missions
- Are financially sustainable without continuing grant funding
- Preference and priority will be given to new projects

The Foundation does not fund grants for:

- Individuals
- Legislative or political purposes
- Sponsorships
- Loans
- Capital Campaigns
- Religious purposes
- Ongoing/Repetitive grant requests/projects
- Administrative costs for maintaining the present operation of an organization, including, but not limited to staff salaries, wages, and benefits. Salaries may be considered on a case-by-case basis only as related to direct program expenses, not daily operations.

4. Request Amounts

Grant funding is limited and varies depending on source of funding. Maximum grant amounts should not exceed \$10,000. Please contact the Community Foundation should you have any questions or concerns regarding the maximum request amounts.