

The
Community
Foundation
for McHenry County



Community Grant Opportunities

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Mission Grants



GRANT PURPOSE

Designed to support charitable organizations that are providing community resources to McHenry County residents with funding for general operating costs related to programs or administrative needs.

Mission Grants

Important information about applying for a Mission Grant through
The Community Foundation for McHenry County.

AWARD AMOUNT

Up to \$25,000
per organization,
per year for the two
year grant cycle.

GRANTS AWARDED

Number of grants
given based on
amount of funding
available.

AWARD LIMITS

One application
accepted. Must
reapply each grant
cycle, every two years.

FUND ALLOCATION

To support general
operating costs for
programs, projects or
administrative needs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization or government entity at the time of application.
- Organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, medical, scientific, educational, or governmental purposes.
- Located in, or serves residents of, McHenry County.
- Financially independent, not requiring fiscal sponsorship in order to receive grant funding.
- Able to provide six months of financial documentation and proof of financial good standing.

Application Process

- 1 LETTER OF INTENT**
Concise request outlining support needed and intended use of grant funding.
- 2 FULL APPLICATION**
Detailed proposal with budgeted expenses and intended outcomes.
By invitation only.
- 3 PUBLICITY**
Share grant impact stories with The Foundation and the community.
- 4 REPORTING**
Mid-term and final report, one site visit with The Foundation representatives.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING SHOULD DEMONSTRATE:

- County need that will be addressed.
- Benefit to residents and the community.
- Desired goals and intended outcomes.
- Quality of programs and services to be provided.
- Potential challenges of implementation.
- Financial independence and sustainability of applicant.



Grant Timeline

Important dates for this funding opportunity:

JULY

AUG

SEPT

OCT

DEC

July 14

- Letter of Intent Open
- Information Session

August 14

- Letter of Intent Due

September 14

- Full Application Open
 - By Invitation

September 15 - October 13

- Application Review Sessions
 - By Appointment

October 14

- Full Application Due

December 1

- Recipients Notified
- Grants Distribution

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Arts & Culture
for Woodstock

Arts & Culture for Woodstock

GRANT PURPOSE

This fund was established in 2021 to honor the contributions of Woodstock's longest-serving Mayor, Dr. Brian Sager, upon his retirement, and the legacy of arts and entertainment made possible through his dedicated leadership and creative talent.

Grant funding will support performing or visual art events including concerts, theatre, spoken word or video productions as well as artistic, cultural or educational programs or exhibitions.

Arts & Culture for Woodstock

Important information about applying for a grant from the Arts & Culture for Woodstock Fund offered through The Community Foundation for McHenry County.

AWARD AMOUNT

Up to \$2,500 per organization, per year.

GRANTS AWARDED

Number of grants awarded based on funds available.

Grant funding is managed and administered by The Foundation.

AWARD LIMITS

One application accepted per year. Must reapply annually.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Woodstock based events, programs, and exhibitions that showcase Woodstock artists at Woodstock venues.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Program or event should create affordable cultural experiences for Woodstock residents and city visitors.

Arts & Culture for Woodstock

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- State and federally recognized tax-exempt charitable organizations, not-for-profit organizations, or government entities may apply.
- Verified 501(c)3 public charity at time of application.
- All funded programs and/or events must showcase Woodstock talent in Woodstock venues or they must benefit Woodstock artist groups.

Application Process

1

FULL APPLICATION

Request for funding that outlines the benefits and enhancement of Woodstock's arts & culture appeal.

2

PUBLICITY

Credit ACFW in promotional materials and share grant impact stories with the community.

3

REPORTING

Final report required at the end of the one year grant cycle.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING SHOULD DEMONSTRATE:

- Woodstock's diverse artistic talent.
- Affordable and varied cultural experiences for Woodstock residents and visitors.
- Support of Woodstock businesses, restaurants and attractions.
- Benefits to the community for the resources invested.
- Participation by older or diverse residents, as performers or audience members.
- Cooperation among event organizers to reduce costs.



Grant Timeline

Important dates for this funding opportunity:

OCT



October 31

- Application Available

DEC



December 31

- Application Due

JAN



January 31, 2023

- Awards Announced
- Checks Issued

NOV



November 30, 2023

- Final Report Due

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Transformational
Grants



Transformational Grants

GRANT PURPOSE

Designed to support a charitable organization, or a group of organizations, through the expansion of an idea or assist with a work in progress that will lead to organizational advancement and positively impact the community as a whole.

Transformational Grants

Important information about applying for a Transformational Grant through
The Community Foundation for McHenry County.

AWARD AMOUNT

Up to \$75,000
per organization,
per year.

GRANTS AWARDED

Maximum of three
Transformational
Grants awarded
per year.

AWARD LIMITS

One application
accepted per project.
Limited to three
consecutive grant
awards, then required
to take one year off
before reapplying.

FUND ALLOCATION

May use up to 25% on
general operating costs
related to project.

COLLABORATION

Partnership with
other local charitable
organizations is
required.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization or government entity at the time of application.
- Organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, medical, scientific, educational, or governmental purposes.
- Located in, or serves residents of, McHenry County.
- Financially independent, not requiring fiscal sponsorship in order to receive grant funding.
- Able to provide six months of financial documentation and proof of financial good standing.

Transformational Grants

Application Process

- 1 LETTER OF INTENT**
Concise request outlining community need, project intent, and desired outcomes.
- 2 FULL APPLICATION**
Detailed proposal including project budget, collaborators, and measures of progress.
By invitation only.
- 3 GRANT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION**
10 minute presentation with grant committee clarifying project key points and impact.
By invitation only.
- 4 PUBLICITY**
Share grant impact stories with The Foundation and the community.
- 5 REPORTING**
Mid-term and final report, 2-3 site visits with The Foundation representatives.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING SHOULD DEMONSTRATE:

- Service to McHenry County residents.
- Community need and how the need(s) was identified.
- Impact of the project on the issue(s) being addressed.
- Partnerships between lead organization and partners must be confirmed through letters of agreement (required).
- Good financial health and governance of organization.
- Indication of project's sustainability beyond the grant period.
- Alignment with grant goals, values, and priorities.



Grant Timeline

Important dates for this funding opportunity:

JAN

FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

January 2023

- Letter of Intent Open
- Information Session

February 2023

- Letter of Intent Due

March 2023

- Full Application Open
 - By Invitation
- Application Review Sessions
 - By Appointment

April 2023

- Full Application Due

May 2023

- Finalist Presentations
 - By Invitation
- Recipients Notified
- Grant Distribution

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