

# FOSTER • STRENGTHEN • IMPROVE

The mission of the Pocahontas County Foundation is to promote private giving, strengthen service providers and improve the County. It will promote endowment building, community betterment, grant-making, organizational collaboration, and public leadership for the benefit of Pocahontas County.

#### HIGH IMPACT GRANT

The 2024 Pocahontas County Foundation High Impact Grant will provide up to 20% of annual granting amount (\$24,000 for 2024) to an organization's project that will have a lasting impact on how the citizens of Pocahontas County live, work, learn or play. **The project should align with the priority of the County Vision Committee: Quality of Life; Recreation or Community Betterment.** Funding decisions are made through a competitive application process which is described below. The high impact grant opportunity is open, by invitation only, through the Letter of Intent process. All invited grant application submissions must include the completed application, along with a detailed budget.

### HIGH IMPACT GRANT DEADLINES

September 8, 2023 - Grant guidelines released

October 11, 2023 - Mandatory Information Meeting - 6:30 pm at the Pocahontas County Conservation Office

October 18, 2023 - Letters of intent due

October 25, 2023 - Invitation to Apply for High Impact Grant Sent via email

November 17, 2023 - Application due

December 31, 2023 - Grant award announcement

February 7, 2024 Grant Awards Event 6:30 pm, The Rialto, Pocahontas, IA

September 13, 2024 - Project Evaluation Due

## ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR HIGH IMPACT FUNDING

Funding is available to non-profit, I.R.S. 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations, 170(b) units of government organizations or charitable organizations without the above designations through a qualified fiscal sponsor. It is preferred that only one proposal is submitted per organization.

## HIGH IMPACT GRANT GUIDELINES

Letters of intent should be no more than two pages in length, using 12 point font, single spaced. They should include a narrative of the project and demonstrate the following:

- Brief proposed project description
- How the proposed project will align with the County Visioning Plan's priorities; Quality of Life, Recreation or Community Betterment.
- Provides a plan for sustainability beyond the funding period.
- Total project cost, amount requested from this grant and other secured funding
- If warranted, how the proposed project fulfills one or more of the priorities listed below.
  - Incorporate fresh, innovative approaches that are based on research, experience and best practices in the field
  - Possess broad-based support and build on county and community strengths
  - Leverage the proposed Pocahontas County grant with other financial and human resources
  - Exhibit a well-planned approach, committed leadership and the involvement of individuals with the skills necessary to carry out the project.

## SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Letter of Intent must be submitted electronically either through our website www.pocofoundation.org or via our email at *pocofoundation76@gmail.com*. You will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of the letter of intent. If you do not receive an email acknowledging receipt, please follow up by calling 515-338-0488 by October 12th at 4:00 p.m.

### **TERMS & LIMITATIONS**

The Pocahontas County Foundation will determine when the grant award is disbursed based on the project presented. Grant funding must be for expenses incurred after the grant award date. Project must be completed in one year or 2024.