

## HIGH IMPACT GRANT

The 2025 Pocahontas County Foundation High Impact Grant will provide up to 20% of annual granting amount (\$20,000 for 2025) 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 County 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

October 2, 2024 - Mandatory Information Meeting - 6:30 pm at the Pocahontas County Conservation Office  
October 16, 2024 - Letters of intent due (email or complete online at [www.pocofoundation.org](http://www.pocofoundation.org))  
October 23, 2024 - Invitation to Apply for High Impact Grant Sent via email  
November 22, 2024 - Application due  
December 31, 2024 - Grant award announcement  
February 5, 2025 Grant Awards Event 6:30 pm, Prairie Lakes AEA, Pocahontas, IA  
September 12, 2025 - 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 County 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.
- The grant must be completed within the calendar year, prior to the September evaluation date.
- Evaluations must be completed by deadline to qualify for funding the following year.

## SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Letter of Intent must be submitted electronically either through our website [www.pocofoundation.org](http://www.pocofoundation.org) or via our email at [pocofoundation76@gmail.com](mailto: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 16th 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 2025.