POCAHONTAS COUNTY FOUNDATION

BUILDING WITHIN COMMUNITIES

GRANT GUIDELINES

1. The applying organization must be located and/or serve clients in Pocahontas County.
2. The applicant must be a non-profit charitable organization that is tax exempt under IRS regulation. Grantees may ask a 501c3 entity or 170c1 governmental agency to be their fiscal sponsor. That number must be supplied on the application form. No grants will be made that jeopardize the tax exempt status of the Foundation or the fiscal sponsor.
3. The standard grant request must not exceed a maximum amount of $10,000.
4. The Foundation makes grants to support creative and innovative programs, current or emerging charitable opportunities, services not presently offered, and capital projects – all of which should enhance the quality of life in the county.
5. Special attention will be given to projects applying to broad segments of the County, projects proposed by nonprofit coalitions, those likely to gain support from matching fund arrangements, and replicable in design.
6. Grants are not made in support of annual operating budgets or for projects that are considered to be meeting the daily needs of operation.
7. Requests will be denied for current budget support, salaries, labor, food, mileage, work clothing, elimination of deficits, the reduction of debt or funding of completed projects.
8. Low priority will be given to programs or projects sponsored by religious institutions and which have a narrowly sectarian purpose. However, programs so sponsored will be considered if they have an ecumenical base or are designed to serve persons in need without regard to their religious affiliation.
9. The yearly selection process does not have to be consistent with previous selections.
10. One standard and one high impact (see below) application per entity will be accepted for review.
11. Grant request may not be altered after it has been submitted.
12. The grant must be completed within the calendar year, prior to the September evaluation date, unless an extension has been approved.
13. Evaluations must be completed by deadline to qualify for funding the following year.

HIGH IMPACT GRANT APPLICATIONS:

1. A grant request may be an amount up to 20% of the annual granting amount.
2. Addresses a significant County issue which impacts many County residents

   · *Provides a plan for sustainability beyond the funding period*

   · Aligns with the Pocahontas County Visioning Committee goal as it pertains to Quality of Life; Recreation or County Betterment. Special consideration to projects addressing food insecurity within our county.

   · Encourages cooperation and creates efficiencies

   · Demonstrates quality, vision, collaboration and good management
3. You may apply for one standard grant along with one high-impact grant.

   Criteria used by the selection committee:

   - The intrinsic merit of the project for meeting priority County-wide needs or goals
   - The ability and past experience of the likelihood of successful completion of projects
   - The clarity and measurability of the projects goals
   - Plans to fund the project beyond the grant period
   - The feasibility of the time frame given for completion of the project

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