



# Community Impact Grants

2017 application guidelines

## **IMPORTANT: Read this before applying**

The Community Foundation accepts applications for Community Impact Grants on a rolling basis; there are no deadlines in 2017. Applications should be sent at least 60 days before the start of your project and before you need a response from our board. This gives us time to research and consider your proposal and gets you an answer on the timeline of your choice. Community Impact Grants are awarded from our unrestricted community funds.

## **Applying for a Community Impact Grant**

1. Grant seekers are strongly encouraged to call the Program Officer to discuss funding needs before submitting an application.
2. Once your proposal has been discussed with staff, complete and submit the original application along with seven (7) copies to the Community Foundation 60 days before the start of your project. The application is available at [www.lccf.net](http://www.lccf.net).

## **The Geographic Area We Serve**

LaGrange County

## **Grant Making Areas of Interest**

- Arts & Culture
- Education
- Environment
- Health and Human Services
- Recreation

## **The Community Foundation**

### **Favors Awarding Grants That:**

- Promote cooperation and avoid duplication
- Inspire and encourage additional funding
- Request seed money for exciting and innovative ways to meet unmet needs
- Reach a broad segment of the community
- Provide services that are not normally provided
- Help make charitable organizations more effective, efficient and self-sustaining

### **Please Consider:**

- Our board of directors may not invest in projects that are already underway, completed or seeking reimbursement. Applications should be sent with enough advance notice before the start of the project (60 days).

## **The Community Foundation Does Not Favor Awarding Grants That:**

- Are solely supported by LaGrange County Community Foundation
- Have received funding from our community funds in the past 12 months
- Support operating expenses of entities falling more appropriately under government funding
- Reduce debt or replenish funds previously expended
- Travel
- Support an organization with an open grant file (i.e. final reports not received)

## **The Foundation Will Not Consider Grants For:**

- Individuals
- Religious organizations for the sole purpose of furthering that religion (*this does not apply to funds created by donors who specifically designated religious orgs. as beneficiaries of the fund*)
- Political campaigns, activities or to support attempts to influence legislature of any government body other than making non-partisan analysis, study and research results available
- Fundraising projects
- Contributions to endowments
- National organizations – unless monies are to be used solely in LaGrange County.

For more information, contact program staff by calling 260-463-4363, by visiting us at 109 E. Central Ave., LaGrange, IN 46761, or by visiting our website: [www.lccf.net](http://www.lccf.net).