



PARKE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Community Grants Program Guidelines & Procedures

Applications for grants from the Community Grants Program will be accepted from any new or existing charitable organization or community agency with a charitable purpose in or serving Parke County as they seek funds to establish or expand programs to address a community need or with projects to “build community capacity”.

The Parke County Community Foundation accepts grant applications year-round.

(Receipt of grant applications by the 20th of any month helps allow a timely review by the Foundation Grants Committee and/or Board of Directors. Funding notification can be expected within 90 days of submission of an application.)

APPLICAITON PROCESS

All grant applications are available on our website at www.parkeccf.org

TARGETED AREAS FOR GRANTS AWARDED

The Parke County Community Foundation’s Community Grants Program targets fields of interest which are considered community-enhancing. These target areas include agriculture, family support, fine arts/culture, health & human services, historic preservation, community development, religion, scholarships, youth development, and recreation.

FOLLOW-UP PROCESS

In order to fulfill reporting requirements and expectations, the Parke County Community Foundation will seek project and financial expenditure information. Interim progress reports may be requested on larger projects and timely responses are important. Final reports should be completed in a timely manner. Information on final reports can be found on our website within the application portal.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

The Parke County Community Foundation funds grants to qualified charitable purposes, many of which will be deemed by the IRS to have a 501(c)(3) status. If your organization is not an official 501(c)(3), your project should be an effort designed to assist the needy and promote human well-being in Parke County. **Please be sure to call or stop by the Foundation for questions related to the granting process.**

The IRS defines a public charity [501(c)(3)] as “Corporations, and any community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment), or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which insures to benefit of any private shareholder or individuals, no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, (except as otherwise provided in subsection (h)), and which does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.”

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The Parke County Community Foundation was created in order to build a permanent resource of endowed funds, the earning from which could be used to help meet the continually changing charitable needs of the Parke County community.

The Foundation exists for three basic purposes: (1) to assist donors who wish to meet charitable needs through creating endowments, (2) to serve as a fiduciary, holding and prudently managing donated funds and (3) to make appropriate and accountable distributions of earnings on funds (grants) to qualified charitable recipients.

If you have questions, please contact:

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