



HARDIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

2023 COMMUNITY, ARTS & CULTURE GRANT GUIDELINES

Application deadline: February 24, 2023

The **Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation** was formed in 2005 to foster private giving, to strengthen service providers, and to improve the quality of life for citizens throughout Hardin County. These guidelines will hopefully make the application process simple and straight-forward for non-profits. A copy may be downloaded from the HCCEF website at endowhardincoiowa.org.

HCCEF promotes endowment building, community grant making, organizational collaboration, and public leadership for the benefit of the Hardin County area. Affiliate Advisory board members strive to assess community needs, develop assets, evaluate area grant applications, encourage partnerships, and initiate activities to enhance Hardin County.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for funding, an organization/program must:

- Be tax exempt, nonprofit entity classified by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) or a 170(c)(1) governmental entity and/or other charitable groups with a fiscal sponsor
- Provide services within Hardin County
- Be operated and organized in compliance with applicable laws prohibiting discrimination

What We Look For

We welcome proposals for projects that benefit a broad spectrum of the community or a chronically underserved segment of the population. We look for projects which:

- Address significant community issues
- Present innovative, creative, and practical proposals that build on community strengths
- Present clear work plans that show the ability to achieve the project's goal
- Focus on strategic innovations that encourage cooperation, create efficiencies and reduce duplication of services
- Develop the leadership potential of the community
- Involve the people served in the planning and implementation of the program
- Demonstrate quality, vision, effectiveness, collaboration and good management
- Provide a plan for sustainability beyond the funding period

The maximum grant request is \$25,000, not to exceed 75% of total project cost. If approved, grant requests may be wholly or partially funded.



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What We Fund

We award grants in the following areas:

1. Arts/Culture/Humanities

Programs that increase access to and awareness of arts and culture.

2. Education

Encompass community education projects that serve all age groups and segments of our population.

3. Environment/Animals

Programs that address our natural resources and environment.

4. Health

Encompass social services projects that benefit the underserved segments of our community. For example, issues of homelessness, health care, hunger, poverty and the elderly.

5. Human Services

Programs that enhance the quality of life for children and youth through opportunities to enhance their intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development.

6. Public/Social Benefit

Programs that address community development, both social and economic.

What We Do Not Fund

In general, grants are not made from the Community Grants Program for the following:

- Operating support
- Budget deficit
- Endowments
- Religious purposes (this does not exclude grants to religious organizations for non-religious purposes)
- Memorials, statues and plaques

If awarded a grant, the project must be completed by the end of the calendar year in which the grant money had been awarded, unless written permission for an extension has been allowed. File the final report as soon as the project supported by HCCEF is completed – no later than December 31, 2023.

There will be a tutorial YouTube video available on our website and Facebook page to describe our grant process.



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Check list for a complete grant application:

- Application pages completed with:
- Budget Page
- Fiscal Agent Form (if needed)
- Names of organization's board members

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