

# Community Needs (CN) Grant Cycle

## **About This Opportunity**

Community Needs Grants applications are available once per year. Opening September 1 and closing in October 8, 2026. Funding is awarded near the beginning of each calendar year and ranges from \$500 - \$7,000.

These grants are possible because of fundholders who cherish our community as much as you do. Their Field of Interest and Unrestricted Endowment Funds support projects for arts and culture, community development, education, environment and animal welfare, and health and human services.

Grant FAQs are available at <https://www.yourlegacyforever.org/grants/>

## **Do You Qualify?**

- ✓ CFCC makes grants to public charitable organizations within the IRS Section 170(b)(1)(A) serving the greater Chippewa County area. Applicants will need to submit evidence of their tax status, or another qualified 501(c)(3) organization must agree to serve as fiscal agent.
- ✓ Your project must benefit the people and communities of Chippewa County, which meet important community needs and do not duplicate existing services.
- ✓ Grants shall be awarded for proposed expenditures, not for previously incurred expenditures.
- ✓ CFCC does not make grants to organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, ancestry, color, age, familial status, disability, religion, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful sources of income, national origin, or any other discriminatory practice prohibited by state or federal law.

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## **Community Needs Grant Cycle Timeline**

*Applicants applying for any grant amount are strongly encouraged to contact the Foundation with any questions or for assistance to facilitate a successful application process prior to the deadline.*

### **OPENING DAY: Tuesday, September 1, 2026**

Applications will be available through our online grant portal, GOapply

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Thursday, October 8, 2026**

Grant applications and all supporting documents must be submitted by 4:00 PM online.

### **November 2026**

The Grants Committee reviews all applications and makes funding recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval at the December Board Meeting.

### **December 2026**

Board of Directors Meeting: Members review and approve/deny recommendations from the Grants Committee.

### **NOTIFICATION: January 2027**

Applicants are notified by an acceptance or denial email. If your application is approved, you will receive an award notification email directing you to log in to your GOapply portal. A grant contract will be available for you to review and sign.

(Grant checks will only be issued after the signed contract is submitted through your grant portal)

If denied, applicants will receive an email indicating so. Applicants who meet the requirements are encouraged to apply again. As the Foundation continues to grow, there may be an increase in dollars available to grant.

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### **Upon Project Completion**

Upon completion of the awarded grant project, a Grant Report should be filled out and submitted to the Foundation. You will find the Grant Report document to fill out in your portal under the “In progress” tab on the dashboard. Completing a Grant Report is strongly encouraged prior to applying for additional grant funding.

### **Submit Photos**

We encourage you to take photos throughout the development of your project. These can be used as part of your Grant Report when your project is complete. Submit photos with your report without reducing the attachment size in your “GOapply” portal under the “In Progress” tab on the dashboard and select the “upload files” option.

### **Stay Up to Date**

Don't miss Community Foundation announcements and updates. Sign up to receive important news at <https://www.yourlegacyforever.org/contact.phtml>

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