



# Community Needs Grant Cycle

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

### Do You Qualify?

- ✓ Your project must benefit the people and communities of Chippewa County
- ✓ Your organization is either a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization,
- ✓ Or your organization is a public charity as defined in section 170(b)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) (i.e. Churches, schools, and government entities may apply.)

### About This Grant

Community Needs Grants applications are available once per year, opening in August and closing in October. Funding is awarded near the beginning of each calendar year and ranges from \$500 - \$6,500.

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

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.

When awarding grants, we consider; 1) how the application will help meet the needs of the community, 2) funding agency programs also available to the applicant, and 3) our available resources.

### Submit An Application

<https://www.yourlegacyforever.org/grants/> Applications become available online when the cycle is open. NOTE: Please complete all online information at one time, because the form will not save data after closing it. Progress will be lost.

### Submit Photos

Take photos throughout the development of your project. These will be used in your Progress Report when your project is complete. Submit photos to [grants@yourlegacyforever.org](mailto:grants@yourlegacyforever.org) without "reducing attachment size."

## Community Needs Grant Cycle Timeline

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

### **OPENING DAY: Monday, August 25, 2025**

Applications become available on opening day at <https://www.yourlegacyforever.org/grants/>

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Thursday, October 2, 2025**

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

### **November 2025**

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

### **December 18, 2025**

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

### **NOTIFICATION: January 2026**

Grantees will receive an acceptance or denial letter in January.

If approved, immediately sign, and return the grant contract enclosed with your award letter. Your letter will include further details about the next steps.

If denied, applicants will receive a letter 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.

### **Upon Project Completion**

Upon completion of the awarded grant project, a [Progress Report](#) should be filled out and returned to the Foundation at [grants@yourlegacyforever.org](mailto:grants@yourlegacyforever.org).

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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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