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## **Grant Opportunities Open**

CHIPPEWA FALLS – Nonprofit organizations across Chippewa County are preparing grant applications in the hopes of making a greater impact on their community. The Community Foundation of Chippewa County's annual competitive grant cycles open on August 28 to a variety of nonprofits, schools, municipalities, and charities serving Chippewa County.

Two funds are available to receive grant applications, the Community Needs and the Northwestern Bank School Mini-Grant Fund. Awards will be disbursed for use in 2024.

The Community Foundation awarded \$79,802 to qualified applicants through the Community Needs Grant competitive grant cycle in 2022-2023. Grants and disbursements are based on a portion of investment earnings from endowment funds and other gifts received.

Nonprofits are encouraged to submit applications requesting \$300 to \$6,000 for projects that support one of the charitable needs categories: Arts and culture, community development, education, health and human services, or environment and animal welfare. Those new to the grant application process may request to join a 30-minute webinar hosted by Community Foundation on either August 29 or September 8.

The Northwestern Bank School Mini-Grants program awarded a total of \$3,859 to 3rd through 8th-grade educators last year. Public and private school educators are encouraged to submit applications for projects requesting up to \$350 each. Mini-Grants support innovative learning and motivational activities or service-learning projects for students.

All applications are available at <a href="www.yourlegacyforever.org">www.yourlegacyforever.org</a>. Submissions are due by 4:00 PM Thursday, October 5. Community Needs Grant applicants will receive notice of determination in January 2024. Northwestern Bank School Mini-Grant applicants will receive a notice of determination in December 2023. Project work can take place in 2024 or after a project is awarded.

The Community Foundation is the trusted steward of over 250 charitable funds. Endowed funds provide sustained, long-term charitable grants for Chippewa County's people and resources. Through the Community Foundation's grantmaking, they are recognized as a leader in addressing community needs and helping donors meet their charitable passions.

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