

The Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County Grant Application Information

The Foundation of Greater Plymouth County was formed in 2005 to coordinate and provide philanthropic support for community betterment projects in Plymouth County. The CFGPC is an affiliate of the Iowa Community Affiliate Network, a collaboration of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines and the Iowa Area Development Group Community Foundation. Each year the Foundation makes grant awards to worthwhile projects located in the county that are identified through this community grant application process.

CFGPC Foundation's areas of emphasis include:

- **Children, Youth, and Families** – Programs that enhance the quality of life for children and youth through opportunities to enhance their intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development
- **Community Betterment-Neighborhoods and Community Development** – Programs that address community and neighborhood development, both social and economic
- **Health and Human Services** – Social service projects that benefit the underserved segments of the community
- **Education** - Community education and service projects that serve all age groups and segments of the population
- **The Environment** – Programs that address our natural resources and environment
- **Arts and Culture** – Programs that provide or increase access to cultural and educational resources for theatre, music, arts, dance, and museums and that increase awareness of arts and culture

Please note that we do not fund:

Individuals * Demographics outside Greater Plymouth County area * Fundraisers * Debt reduction or budget shortfall * Politics/causes * Religious purposes (this does not exclude grants to religious organizations for nonreligious purposes) * Equipment, unless it is essential for the program * Ongoing expenses, such as wages * Endowments

You may access the application forms online at the following web sites:

<http://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/affiliates/plymouth-county>

All applications must be typed or completed on a computer as a word document, no hand written applications will be considered.

The Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County Grant Application Instructions

Grant amounts are dependent upon the allocation of funds available to the Community Foundation each fiscal year. Grants are limited to nonprofit organizations and projects serving Greater Plymouth County. Grant applications will be available yearly during the grantmaking period. Grant applications are due on August 15 of the year submitted. Grants awards will be announced in early October and all grant applicants will be notified as to approval or denial. Requests in excess of \$10,000 will not be considered.

Your organization must be a 501(c)(3) or a unit of government 170(b). Agencies that qualify as a 170(b) include counties, cities, and schools and do not need an IRS letter. If the applicant is not a 501(c)(3) or 170(b) organization, a fiscal agent is required who is 510 (c)(3) or 170(b). The fiscal agent will be responsible for grant funds. Provide the name, address, phone, and EIN number of the fiscal agent, as well as a letter of support from your fiscal agent.

We ask that the Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County be given credit in media releases. **You must return any portion of the grant monies not used for the original designated purpose.** A project report, including copies of paid receipts, must be submitted within twelve months of receipt of the grant check. (Successful grant recipients will receive an agreement form.) The agreement form indicates the grant recipients' agreement to use the funds for the purpose requested. Checks for the amount granted will be available before October 1 of the grant year and upon CFGPC receipt of signed agreement.

Completed applications must include the following:

1. Cover Sheet and Application Form not to exceed a combined total of 3 pages. Please do not submit additional narrative, brochures or additional cover letter.
2. Completed Project Budget Sheet not to exceed one page. Include letters of commitment for in kind contributions and other funding sources.
3. List of Board of Directors or Officers, and their contact information.
4. Copy of latest Federal IRS non-profit status letter. If you are sponsored by a Fiscal Agent, include their Federal IRS non-profit status letter. Units of government 170(b) do not include a Federal IRS letter.

Please submit your completed application packet by email to:

Mike Kooistra, Treasurer

Email: plymouthcounty@desmoinesfoundation.org

If you have specific questions, contact:

Kelly Nashleanas, President

Telephone: 712-574-6577

Applications must be received by August 15. Grants will be announced in early October.

**The Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County
Cover Sheet**

Date of application: _____

Organization Information

Name of organization

Legal name (as listed with IRS)

Organization Address

City, State, Zip

Employer Identification Number (EIN) if applicable

Phone

Fax

Web site

Name of contact person regarding this application

Phone

E-mail

Project focus area (check the most appropriate):

Children, Youth,
and Families

Community
Betterment

Health & Human
Services

Education

Environment

Arts & Culture

Is your organization an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit?

Yes No

Is your organization a 170b unit of government? (City, County, School)

Yes No

If no, you must have a fiscal agent. Please list name, address, phone and fiscal agent contact person:

Fiscal agent's EIN number

What is your fiscal calendar? (Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr) _____

Describe your organization's charitable purpose, program activities, and population served.

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1. What is the title of your project (3-4 word description)?

Examples: "Expansion of Children and Infant Care", "Purchase of Music Instruments", "Community Event Sign"

2. Briefly describe your organization's history (year organized) and major accomplishments.

3. Describe the proposed project for which funds are requested, including the goals and specific, measurable objectives and timetable to reach project goal and by whom, when and where it will be implemented?

4. What other funding sources have you attempted to acquire, but were unsuccessful?

Population served
(Estimated): _____

Total Project Cost: \$ _____

Grant monies needed:
(Mo/Yr) to (Mo/Yr) _____

Total requested from the Community
Foundation: \$ _____

Checklist: Be sure you have included the following in your grant application. **Your application will not be considered if it is missing any one of the following** as described in the instructions.

- Cover Sheet (1 page) and Application Form (not to exceed 2 pages)
- Project Budget Sheet (1 page)
- Include letters of commitment for in-kind contribution and other funding sources.
- List of Board of Directors/Officers with contact information
- Your organizations latest 501(c)(3) IRS non profit status letter, or that of your fiscal agent Score Sheet

The signature of the president or board chair of your organization confirms that this application is being made in good faith, is true and correct to the applicant's belief and knowledge, and for the purpose described in this application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County Project Budget Sheet

Title of Project _____

Budget Form

Attachments should include: Letter(s) of commitment for in-kind contributions and/or volunteer labor, estimates or bids, and other funding sources.

A	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS Itemize specific expenses below and provide dollar amount.	
#	Item	Amount (\$)
1	Room Location (In-Kind contribution)	\$500.00
2	Teacher	\$250.00
3	Snacks	\$500.00
4	Teacher Supplies	\$100.00
5	Craft Supplies	\$1,000.00
6		
7		
8		
	Total Cost of Project	\$2,350.00
<i>Reminder: Section A costs should equal the combined totals in sections B, C and D.</i>		
B	IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS Itemize below and estimate dollar amount. Please attach letter(s) of commitment.	
#	Item	Amount (\$)
1	Room location for after school program - YMCA	\$500.00
2	Teacher	\$250.00
3		
4		
5		
6		
	Total In-Kind Contributions	\$750.00
C	FUNDING FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN THIS GRANT Itemize below and estimate dollar amount. Please attach letter(s) of commitment.	
#	Item	Amount (\$)
1	Plymouth County Farm Bureau (cash donation for nutritious snacks)	\$500.00
2	Plymouth County Farm Bureau (teacher resource books)	\$100.00
3		
4		
5		
6	Total from sources other than this grant	\$600.00
D	TOTAL REQUESTED FROM CFGPC Itemize specific expenses below and provide dollar amount.	
#	Item	Amounts(\$)
1	Craft Supplies	\$1,000.00
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
	Total Amount Requested from CFGPC	\$1,000.00

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B	IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS Itemize below and estimate dollar amount. Please attach letter(s) of commitment.	
	Total In-Kind Contributions	
C	FUNDING FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN THIS GRANT Itemize below and estimate dollar amount. Please attach letter(s) of commitment.	
	Total from sources other than this grant	
D	TOTAL REQUESTED FROM CFGPC Itemize specific expenses below and provide dollar amount.	
	Total Amount Requested from CFGPC	\$