

2020 IPCF GENERAL GRANTS (EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH & WELLNESS, YOUTH) INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

IPCF General Grants are open to programs and projects that focus on education, environment, health and wellness, or youth.

Applications may be submitted from February 1 to February 28, 2020.

Applications will only be accepted through online portal. No paper applications or electronic submissions will be accepted.

You must select one, and only one, of the following fields: education, environment, health and wellness, or youth. We recognize that there is potential overlap (e.g., environmental education, exercise program for youth, etc.). Consider the main goal of your program and select the field that most closely matches that goal.

If you apply for an IPCF General Grant, you may not apply for the identical program to the Mirza/IPCF Arts & Culture or Shulman Jewish Education & Life Grant which run on the same timetable as the IPCF General Grants. You may, however, apply to multiple grant categories if the applications are for distinctly different programs and fit the criteria listed for the particular grant category.

- ~\$59,291 is available (amount will be finalized after Jan. 15, 2020)
- Funding requests should be for a minimum of \$500 (the range of grant awards in 2019 was \$500 to \$4,000; the average grant award was \$1,351.) To see programs that were funded previously, visit <https://ilprairiecf.org/grant-recipients>.
- Applicants are required to use a budget document developed by the IPCF's grants committees; form can be downloaded at <https://ilprairiecf.org/resources-2>; Word and Excel files are available under the Grants tab
- **Submission deadline is February 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (Central Time)**
- Grant applicants will be notified of the outcome of their grant request by April 30, 2020
- Grant funding is for the period of June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021
- Those organizations awarded grants will be sent a Grant Agreement; the Executive Director, CEO, or President of the Board must sign and return this document which outlines conditions and requirements for accepting the grant award.

Grant awards will be distributed beginning in May 2020.

REQUIREMENTS

Grant Eligibility

- Program must deal specifically with one of the following: education, environment, health and wellness, or youth; funding may support a new or existing program

- Applicants must have tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, operate under a fiscal sponsor that is a 501 (c) 3 organization, be a local unit of local, county, state or federal government or be a tax-exempt religious organization as recognized by the IRS
- Program must be available to residents of McLean, DeWitt, Livingston or Logan Counties; however, programs do not have to serve all four counties
- Program must be operated and organized in such a manner that no applicable anti-discrimination laws are violated; program must not proselytize for a particular religion or cause
- Organizations that have received past grants from Illinois Prairie Community Foundation must be current on all grant Final Reports
- Executive Director, CEO or President of the Board of an organization applying must approve the application

Criteria Given Greatest Consideration

- Has potential to be on-going and self-sufficient beyond the time of funding
- Offers creative and innovative solutions to address the identified need by building on proven practical methods
- Utilizes clear methods of measuring and reporting results with emphasis on objective, quantifiable measurements
- Is cost effective as reflected by the number of participants served vs program budget

What Is Not Funded

- Non program-related expenses (Grant Committee prefers not to fund personnel expenses)
- Endowment campaigns
- Annual fund raising events and expenses
- Capital improvements or expenditures
- Conference or continuing education expenses
- Scholarships

Important Dates

February 28, 2020 – Applications due by 5:00 p.m. (Central Time); no applications will be accepted after that time.

April 30, 2020 – Applicants notified of the Grants Committee’s and IPCF Board of Directors’ decisions.

We regret that not all projects can be funded. A denial should not be viewed as a negative reflection on an organization or program, but rather a result of the number of applications received and the amount of funding available.

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