

For good.  
For ever.

## All About Grants



*"When a person plants a tree  
under which he will never sit, then  
you know that civilization has come  
to that land."*



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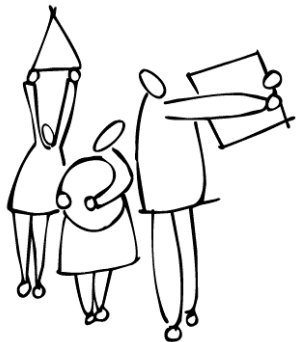
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The Community Foundation of Greater Rochester is a union of many funds created by donors to meet the changing charitable needs of the community. While some donors recommend that their funds help specific charitable organizations, others make unrestricted contributions that allow the Foundation's trustees to meet the most pressing community needs.

## Who Can Apply

Nonprofit organizations, schools, municipalities, and other governmental entities that serve the Greater Rochester area are eligible for Foundation grants.



## What We Fund

The Foundation welcomes grant requests, especially those that support innovative projects, charitable organizations, art, culture, education, environmental concerns, health, human services, civic improvement, economic development, recreational needs and youth. Grants are made to individuals for educational scholarships and to tax-exempt non-profit organizations serving the citizens of the Greater Rochester area. The Foundation does not make grants for normal operating expenses or political campaigns.

## How We Evaluate

In order to have the greatest impact on issues that affect the Greater Rochester area, we give priority to projects that:

- ◆ Help organizations deliver services
- ◆ Enhance cooperation and collaboration
- ◆ Address current needs or try new approaches
- ◆ Encourage people to help themselves
- ◆ Focus on preventing social problems or illness
- ◆ Benefit a number of people
- ◆ Avoid duplication of services
- ◆ Promote family and youth development

## How to Apply

You may submit a Letter of Intent introducing who you are, the proposed project and the funds requested at any time. A staff member will contact applicants to discuss their submitted proposal and funding opportunities available. Many organizations have found that this informal approach gives them a helpful start in communicating their vision and also in understanding the Foundation's role within the community. We can offer suggestions and technical advice that may enhance your proposal, or connect you with other appropriate community resources.

If the proposal meets the Foundation's criteria and funding capability, the applicant will be asked to submit our standard grant application, along with several supporting documents (including budget, annual audit, and 501(c)(3) letter to confirm the organization's tax-exempt nonprofit status).

All grant decisions are made by the Grant Distribution Committee which is comprised of Foundation Trustees and Members and then recommended to the Board of Trustees for final approval. Applicants are notified of the Board's decisions by mail.