

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

OF SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN

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MISSION STATEMENT:

We strengthen and honor the communities we serve by inspiring philanthropy, supporting area nonprofits, and providing leadership to meet local needs.

Our goals are to:

- Equitably enhance the lives of the people of Adams, Columbia, Iowa, Juneau, Richland, Sauk, and Vernon counties through enduring investments in their communities.
- Responsibly solicit, manage, and distribute philanthropic assets created by charitable gifts and bequests.
- Communicate opportunities and benefits of philanthropy to our communities.
- Demonstrate leadership and act as a catalyst to design programs and identify issues in collaboration with other foundations, corporations, organizations, and communities.
- Engage in creative and sensitive grant-making to enrich our communities, devoting special emphasis to education, the arts, health and human services, and the preservation of historical, cultural, and natural resources.

COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES:

Through the application review and grant distribution process, the Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin matches donated resources with innovative ideas from nonprofit organizations that meet a current and relevant community need. The Foundation seeks projects that propose practical and equitable solutions to current community needs, promote cooperation and collaboration in addressing positive change, promote volunteer involvement, strengthen an organization's effectiveness and stability, and address prevention as well as intervention.

WHO MAY APPLY:

The Foundation welcomes grant requests from nonprofit groups within the Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin service area of Adams, Columbia, Iowa, Juneau, Richland, Sauk, and Vernon counties:

- Charitable organizations classified as 501(c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code
- Local units of municipal, county, state or national organizations
- Groups or clubs organized to sponsor a charitable project

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QUALIFYING PROJECTS:

We actively seek projects and proposals that:

- Positively impact the quality of life for the people in our communities.
- Promote innovation and collaboration while reducing service duplication.
- Actively engage diverse and healthy volunteer involvement.
- Strengthen our communities through equitable and effective solutions.
- Promote self-sufficiency by building upon the assets of our communities.
- Apply the Foundation's resources to make a tangible difference in meeting important and relevant community needs.

We strive to understand the specific project objectives and the long-term and lasting community of the funded project. Primary consideration is given to those organizations that are tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

WE DO NOT FUND:

- Annual campaigns
- Capital campaigns
- Debt retirement
- Direct support of individuals
- Endowments
- Lobbying
- Operating expenses or losses
- Sectarian causes

The Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or national origin. Consequently, we expect grant applicants to hold and exhibit similar standards.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Foundation staff are available to answer questions from grant seekers as proposals are being developed. Such consultation will be informal and carries no assurances of suitability for funding. Call the Foundation office at 608-355-0884 for an appointment.

Applicants should complete the Community Foundation of South Central Wisconsin Community Grant Application Form and Proposal Outline and **email all documents in ONE PDF attachment** to the Foundation at: director@cfscw.org. If your organization does not have that capability, please contact our office at 608-355-0884 to request assistance.

The deadline for applications is midnight August 31.