



Capital Region
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The Center for Charitable Giving

GRANT GUIDELINES

The Capital Region Community Foundation is a public charity organized as a collection of permanent endowments. The income from these endowed funds is awarded through a grant application process to provide charitable funding to non-profits classified by the IRS as 501(c)(3) organizations and other eligible entities that benefit residents of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties, MI. Grants are made in the areas of education, environment, health care, human services, humanities and public benefit.

The Capital Region Community Foundation values projects that promote inclusiveness and that do not discriminate in hiring staff or providing services on the basis of race, gender, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability.

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WILL GIVE PRIORITY TO PROJECTS THAT:

- Reach a broad segment of the community
- Encourage matching gifts or additional funding
- Foster organizational capacity building and sustainability
- Assist those citizens whose needs are not being met by existing services
- Meet emerging needs, are innovative and have a high probability of leading to new solutions to community challenges
- Are collaborative, comprehensive, promote cooperation among organizations within the region, and have the potential for ongoing community impact

WHAT THE FOUNDATION GENERALLY WILL NOT FUND. While the Foundation remains flexible in trying to meet community needs, the following are **areas which will not be considered** for funding through the application process at this time:

- Sectarian or religious programs
- Individuals
- International organizations
- Endowment funds
- Administrative costs of fund-raising campaigns
- Annual meetings
- Routine operating expenses
- Existing obligations, debts or liabilities

REGARDING COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES OR SCHOOLS:

In general, the Foundation will not support routine operating expenses, projects and activities, or equipment which are within the primary instructional and service responsibilities of a college, university or school, or which are limited for the college, university or school faculty, staff and students. Applications for funding of projects and activities sponsored or provided by colleges, universities and schools must: 1) demonstrate benefit to the community, 2) provide documentation of community involvement in the planning and implementation of the project or activity, and 3) include letters of support from community organizations with their applications.

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