

Community Fund Grants:

Meeting the needs of a diverse and ever-changing community



The *Community Foundation of West Texas* is a nonprofit, community foundation created by and for the people of South Plains region in 1981. We exist to help area donors make a positive impact on their community.

What is the Community Fund?

Many donors have broad interests and are interested in supporting a wide variety of community needs. They think broadly and depend on the Community Foundation of West Texas to target funding where it can be most effective through competitive grants. The income generated from unrestricted endowments created by these donors is pooled to support our most flexible grantmaking vehicle - the Community Fund.

Who Do We Fund?

Grantmaking policy and grant award decisions are made by the Board of Directors. The Foundation restricts its support to organizations in the 15-county South Plains region which are 501(c)(3) or the government equivalent. Grants may be made for programs and projects in the areas of Civic, Social and Economic Development; Education and Youth; Basic Needs and Self Sufficiency. The Foundation does not make grants to individuals, for political purposes, to retire indebtedness, or for payment of interest or taxes.

All grant recipients must report on the expenditure of grant funds and results of the supported project within one year of the award. Typical grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, with \$10,000 as the maximum generally awarded from the Community Fund. Our primary focus at this time is creating pathways out of poverty and alleviating the impact of poverty on individuals and families.

The Process

The Community Foundation of West Texas has traditionally offered multiple opportunities for the consideration of grant proposals. **Submission deadlines: April 1st and October 1st.** *Online applications must be submitted by midnight. Only complete applications will be considered for funding. You can complete the application on our website: <http://bit.ly/CFWTCCommunityFunds>.*

Complete proposals are reviewed by the Community Foundation of West Texas Grants Committee. Additional information or a site visit may be requested. The Grants Committee will make funding recommendations to the Board of Directors. You will be notified of the Board's decision as soon as possible after the meeting at which your proposal is considered.

Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving.

The people of the South Plains share many of the same concerns for their community. Common hopes and dreams give rise to community caring and lead to good works. A place that nurtures the best intentions into full-fledged impact, the Community Foundation of West Texas is where caring people come together to build their community.

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Funding Priorities

Community Grants supports the efforts of organizations that are located and providing services in the Texas South Plains Region. Our primary focus at this time is creating pathways out of poverty and alleviating the impact of poverty on individuals and families.

The Foundation strives to achieve impact through its Community Grants Program by supporting projects that contribute to:

- Promoting pleasant, livable communities with thriving and sustainable economies;
- Preparing the next generation for adulthood and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all generations;
- Promoting self-sufficiency for vulnerable individuals and families; and
- Assuring that means are available to provide for the basic needs of individuals and families in times of trouble.

Application

Complete an online application form available at: <http://bit.ly/CFWTCommunityFunds>.

Attach the following information to the online application.

Proposal Narrative

Please include the following in your Proposal Narrative:

- A detailed description of the need for this project and the specific actions that will be taken;
- Projected number to be served;
- Specific use of funds requested;
- A list of other partners in the project and their roles; and
- A timetable for implementation including major events, activities and when they will take place.

Attachments

Please attach the following documents:

- Project Budget - Detailed revenue and expenses for this project and specific use of funds requested
- Organization Budget - Projected and actual revenue and expense line items for current fiscal year
- Current Financial Statements - Most recent month end Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Financial Activities
- Most Recent Year End Financial Statements - Most recent Year End Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Financial Activities
- Most Recent IRS Filing (Form 990)
- Board Roster - List of Board Members including employment affiliations, race, gender and contact information

If you have any questions about the proposal process please contact:

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