Community Fund Grants

Meeting the needs of a diverse and ever-changing community

The Community Foundation of West Texas, formerly the Lubbock Area Foundation, is a nonprofit, community foundation created by and for the people of Lubbock and the South Plains area 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 Lubbock and the surrounding South Plains area which are 501(c)(3) or the government equivalent. Grants may be made for start-up funds, general operating support, program support, and demonstration programs. 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 $500 to $2,500, with $5,000 as the maximum from the Community Fund.

The Process
The Community Foundation of West Texas has traditionally offered multiple opportunities for the consideration of grant proposals.

Submission deadlines are: February 1st, April 1st, September 1st and November 1st.

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.

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Funding Priorities

The funding priorities of the Community Foundation of West Texas are:

Impact: service to a wide segment of the community and assistance to those not adequately served by existing resources

Innovation: responsiveness to changing or emerging community needs and a practical approach for solving community problems

Leverage: the project leverages or generates other funding or resources

Management: there is a clear plan for implementation and the organization has the capability of delivering the service/program in a cost effective manner

Non-Duplication: the project does not duplicate existing programs or services

The Application

- Complete an Application Form.
  - Download at: www.cftx.org/current-grant-opportunities.
- Mail or deliver ten copies of the Application Form, Narrative, and Attachments to:
  Community Foundation of West Texas
  6102 82nd Street, 8B
  Lubbock, TX 79424

Narrative

- Description of the project and the need for it within the community
- List of grants received/pending related to the project and plans for additional funding
- A plan for evaluation of project success
- Plans for project continuation

Attachments

- Most recent IRS Filing (Form 990).
  - Only one copy of this form is required.
- A detailed copy of the organization's current annual operating budget and year-to-date financial statements.
- A copy of the most recent audit. (If not audit, financial statements for previous year).
  - Only one copy of this form is required.
- A current listing of the Board of Directors.

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

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“When a person plants a tree under which she will never sit, then you know that civilization has come to that land.”

Greek Philosopher