



## COMPETITIVE GRANT GUIDELINES

### Grantmaking Principles

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) invests in the community by supporting programs that address community needs and have lasting value. Therefore, CFCI's grantmaking is:

- *Focused* by addressing established CFCI and donor designated priorities.
- *Strategic* by supporting programs with well-defined objectives and measurable outcomes that improve the quality or scope of charitable work in the community.
- *Collaborative* by leveraging resources and cultivating partnerships.

### Elements CFCI Supports Through Competitive Grantmaking

- *Animal Welfare*
- *Arts*
- *Community Development & Capacity Building*
- *Development of Strong Families*
- *Education*
- *Food Insecurity*
- *Health and Wellness*

### Grantmaking Limitations

#### **CFCI does not fund:**

- Annual / Capital campaigns
- Individuals
- Endowments
- Sectarian religious purposes: Faith based organizations and churches are eligible if program serves the community.
- Grants will be made to organizations with programs serving individuals within a 50 mile radius of the city of Peoria, IL **excluding Knox and McLean County.**

### Grant Eligibility

- Open to all organizations with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, those that operate under a fiscal agent that is a 501(c)3 organization, and to local units of local, county, state or federal government.
- Grant funding may support new or existing programs that positively benefit central Illinois.
- Program must be operated and organized in such a manner that no applicable laws are violated.
- Organization must be current on all grant evaluations. **If the organization is currently being funded with a CFCI grant, and the grant evaluation is not yet due, an interim letter summarizing the progress of the grant must be submitted along with the application.**

### Application Requirements and Dates

- Applications for each grant opportunity are posted on the CFCI website at [www.communityfoundationci.org](http://www.communityfoundationci.org) by clicking on "For Grant Seekers." Applications will open 60 days prior to the deadline.
- Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.
- If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, applications will be accepted the next business day by midnight.
- All applications must be signed / approved by the person writing the grant and by executive level personnel.
- CFCI reserves the right to make changes to application requirements up to 60 days prior to the deadline.



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### Review Process

- **Proposals must be received / submitted by the application deadline.** If the deadline is on a holiday or weekend, applications will be accepted through the next business day.
- Each grant opportunity is subject to a review process that may last 30-60 days after the submission deadline. CFCI reserves the right to shorten or extend the process at any time.
- Naturally, not all projects can be funded. A denial should not be viewed as a negative reflection on the program, but rather a reflection on the amount of funding available. Applicants will be notified in writing on the status of each grant.

### Reports to the Foundation

A grant evaluation must be completed and submitted within one month of grant program completion. Failure to **fully** complete this report and return it within one month of grant completion will prevent the grantee from grant consideration for at least two years.

### Funding Opportunities

#### COMMUNITY GRANTS

##### **COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS:**

*Online Application - due March 1st*

*Apply for up to \$5,000*

Available to organizations that offer art programs to enhance its mission. Art programs must fall into one of these four categories:

- Arts Education: Supported by: *Taylor & Corinne French Fine Arts Fund; George A. Fulton Charitable Fund*
- Performing Arts: Supported by: *Alvin & Donna Haerr Family Performing Arts Fund; Thomas & Lynn Landes Performing Arts Fund; Russell & Eleanor Peters Performing Arts Fund*
- Musical and Cultural Activities: Supported by: *Mildred L. Arends Musical & Cultural Activities Fund*
- Sculpture/Visual Fine Arts for Display: Supported by: *Eugene & Harriett Swager Public Art Fund*

##### **THE ARTS MEAN BUSINESS FUND GRANT:**

*Online Application - due March 1st*

*Apply for up to \$2,500*

The Arts Mean Business Fund was established to support the generation of economic growth in the Peoria region through arts tourism, increased successful arts businesses, greater community participation in the arts, and financial support of the arts from local governments and economic development councils.

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### **JEAN M. LIGON ANIMAL WELFARE GRANT:**

*Online Application - due March 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Apply for up to \$15,000*

Available to organizations focusing on the care and adoption of homeless cats and dogs, for the neutering of both homeless and other such pets, and for the fostering of research and education revolving around adoption and neutering. Preference is giving to such organizations within the Tri-County Area. This grant is made possible by the Jean M. Ligon Fund.

### **COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTS:**

*Online Application - due September 1st*

*Apply for up to \$15,000*

Available to organizations offering programs that align with the Grantmaking Principles and Elements CFCI Supports (Animal Welfare, Arts, Community Development & Capacity Building; Development of Strong Families; Education; Food Insecurity, and Health & Wellness). Community Needs Grants are made possible by field of interest and unrestricted funds.

### **THE LOCAL JOBS FUND GRANT:**

*Online Application - due September 1st*

*Apply for up to \$2,500*

The Local Jobs Fund was established to support projects that have a direct linkage to breaking the cycle of poverty by equipping people with the skills to earn significantly more than minimum wage.

## EMERGING PHILANTHROPISTS FUND GRANTS

### **EMERGING PHILANTHROPISTS FUND GRANTS:**

*Online Application - due June 15th*

*Apply for up to \$5,000*

Available to organizations offering programs that align with the Emerging Philanthropists Fund Grantmaking Principles. The Emerging Philanthropists Fund is an initiative designed by CFCI to invigorate emerging community leaders to join together as philanthropists.

The Emerging Philanthropists Fund is comprised of a cross section of professionals in central Illinois who have an interest in positively impacting the quality of life in our community through grantmaking. Collectively, Fund members build the Fund, a permanent endowment created for the purpose of addressing community needs through grantmaking.

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### WOMEN'S FUND SUCCESS GRANTS

**WOMEN'S FUND SUCCESS GRANTS:**

*Online Application - due September 1st*

*Apply for up to \$5,000*

Since 1993, the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois has been working to change the lives of women and children in central Illinois. The Women's Fund endowment strengthens families and communities by providing grants to organizations whose programs help empower women and girls.

### PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION (PPSF) DISTRICT 150 CLASSROOM GRANTS PPSF in Partnership with the Murray and Rena Yeomans Fund of CFCI

**DISTRICT 150 CLASSROOM GRANTS:**

*Online Application due October 1st*

*Apply for up to \$1,000*

Available to District 150 classroom teachers to enhance the students' educational experience. District 150 Classroom Grants are made possible by the Peoria Public Schools Foundation and the Murray and Rena Yeomans Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.

### OPPORTUNITY GRANTS

**OPPORTUNITY GRANTS:**

*Download Application Online - Accepted any time*

*Apply for up to \$1,000*

*\* limit one award per twelve-month period, based on the date of your last grant award*

Available to assist local organizations that meet the Opportunity Grant Funding Priorities. Requests will be processed and a response will be provided within 2-3 weeks of the request.

*Opportunity Grant Funding Priorities:*

- Unforeseen event that has or will significantly interrupt essential services.
- Special event or project that will benefit a significant number of citizens.
- Organizational capacity opportunities (trainings, conferences, strategic planning, board development & education).