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Community Foundation of Central Illinois Fall Grants Are Now Open

August 4, 2020 - The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) fall grant applications are now open. This includes the Community Needs, Women's Fund, Local Jobs Fund, and Emerging Philanthropists Fund. Grants will be made to organizations with programs serving individuals within a 50 mile radius surrounding the city of Peoria, IL excluding Knox and McLean County.

Community Needs Grants are open to organizations offering programs that align with the Grantmaking Principles and Elements CFCI Supports including Community Development, Capacity Building, or Education. Community Needs Grants are made possible by field of interest and unrestricted funds. For 2020-2021, the Community Needs grants will also be addressing the following issues related to COVID-19:

- Interim housing and shelter
- Primary health care services
- Utility assistance (organizations providing utility support to individuals)
- Support for children and vulnerable populations

PLEASE NOTE: The Community Needs grant program no longer funds food related projects. Food related projects are funded through the Ending Hunger Together Grants program.

The Women's Fund Success Grants are open to organizations whose programs help empower women and girls.

The Local Jobs Fund grant is open 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.

The Emerging Philanthropists Fund grant is available to organizations offering programs that align with the Emerging Philanthropists Fund Grantmaking Principles including:

- Evidence based programs addressing a significant community need.
- Programs that are unique and identify unmet needs in the community.
- Innovative in nature.
- Collaborative by leveraging resources and cultivating partnerships.

Applications and grant guidelines can be found here: <https://communityfoundationci.org/for-grant-seekers/grant-opportunities/>. All applications are due Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020.

About the Community Foundation of Central Illinois

Established in 1985, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois is a philanthropic resource committed to connecting people who care with causes that matter. For more information please call 309-674-8730 or visit communityfoundationci.org.

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