

BLAIR

Area Community Foundation

GRANT APPLICATION

Guidelines

The Blair Area Community Foundation has established the following grant guidelines.

1. Applications will only be accepted from organizations that either have an official 501(c)(3) designation, are entities of government requesting funds for public purposes, or are churches or synagogues providing social services to the community.
2. The Foundation does not finance annual appeals or payment of regular, ongoing operational expenses for applicant organizations.
3. The Foundation will not purchase supplies or provide funding for annually recurring events or programs. However, the BACF will consider assisting in the first year start-up costs of new programs that will benefit the community in new ways, serving needs not currently being met.
4. The Foundation does not fund scholarships through this program.
5. The Foundation does not make contributions that attempt to influence legislation nor does it intervene in any way in political campaigns.
6. The Foundation prefers to fund requests that provide ongoing benefit to the community.
7. The Foundation looks favorably on grant requests where a portion of the funds needed for a project have already been raised.
8. Requests for funding for large projects need to show existing financial support from the community. The BACF grant program can help fund the final needs of a large fundraising campaign, but will not fund the initial needs without significant evidence of other sources of income committed to the project.
9. Funds may not be diverted from their original purpose by the recipient. If, after receipt of a grant from the BACF, the non-profit organization feels there is a need to modify or change the usage of the funds, that change request must be submitted to the BACF in writing, and approved in advance of implementation of the project by the Blair Area Community Foundation, or the funds must be returned.
10. The Foundation reserves the right to request a return of grant monies not expended within one year of the grant allocation, unless otherwise specified at the time of grant allocation.

Mission

The Blair Area Community Foundation's mission is to support activities that enrich the community and support the values of the families that live in Washington County, Nebraska. Areas of support include education, fine arts, community betterment, parks and recreation, public facility development and improvements, health and welfare, and other charitable purposes.

PROCEED TO THE APPLICATION SECTION BELOW IF YOUR ORGANIZATION, AND SPECIFIC FUNDING REQUEST, COMPLIES WITH THE GUIDELINES AND MISSION STATEMENT ABOVE.

Applicant Information

The following organization requests a grant from the Blair Area Community Foundation:

Name of Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

_____ 501(c)(3) Org. _____ Government _____ Church/Synagogue

If a 501(c)(3) organization, include a copy of your IRS letter of determination.

Amount of Grant Request: \$ _____

Grant Proposal

In evaluating the merits of an application the following criteria are considered. Please respond to each item. Responses should be type written on a separate piece of paper with the question, followed by your response. Please limit your grant proposal to a maximum of four pages in length, plus any applicable attachments.

1. Describe what the grant will be used for. Please be specific (i.e. what items will be purchased and their cost, what construction or repairs will be done, what program will be implemented, etc.) It is critical that you provide enough information to enable the Foundation to give your request full consideration.
2. Describe how the proposed activity fits the Foundation's mission? (See "Mission" section)
3. Describe how the proposed activity benefits the Foundation's service area of Washington County, Nebraska. Please be specific.
4. How much of the community will the activity benefit?
5. What personnel, resources, and experience does your organization have available to ensure that the project will be carried out according to plan? In addition, tell how many years your

organization has been active in Washington County; give the names, titles, and phone numbers of the officers of your organization; and list recent projects your organization has completed in Washington County with a brief description and pertinent dates.

6. Please complete the chart below:
 - A. Total Project Cost _____
 - B. Funds Available (cash/pledges raised for the project/program to date) _____
 - C. Balance Needed (The amount needed to be raised before receipt of a grant from the BACF. Subtract line B from line A.) _____
 - D. Amount Requested from the Blair Area Community Foundation _____

7. Historically, grants given through the BACF grant program have ranged from \$400 to \$3,500. If the grant allocation given by the BACF were to be less than the amount requested would the project be able to proceed? _____ Yes _____ No

If "yes," describe how the balance would be raised?

8. What is the time period of the project and when will the grant funds be spent?

9. If your proposal is for the benefit of another organization (i.e.: a parents' organization making a purchase for the school system) please document their agreement that there is a need and that they are in support of your efforts by including a letter from that organization. For public property projects (community buildings, public parks, etc.) provide a letter of support from the appropriate governmental body (i.e.: city administrator or city council, school administrator or school board, etc.)

10. If the project will continue after the initial grant period, describe the plan to continue funding and/or maintenance in future years.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AGREEMENT

The recipient agrees to indicate the assistance of the Blair Area Community Foundation in press releases, publications, and other public activities associated with the project.

Applicant's Signature

Date

All applications received by the **deadline of October 1** will be reviewed and final notification will be given to applicants by December 1.

Applications should be sent to:

Blair Area Community Foundation, c/o Mary Jean Rahlfs, P.O. Box 390, Blair, NE 68008
or deliver to: Blair Area Chamber of Commerce, 1646 Washington St., Blair, NE 68008

If you have questions please contact Mary Jean Rahlfs at (402)426-4144 or mjrahlf@rvrco.net