

GRETNA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Grant Eligibility and Guidelines

Deadlines and General Information

The application period for Gretna Community Foundation (“GCF”) Community Grant Program will begin on September 1st of each year with a deadline of November 15th. An electronic copy of the application packet can be found at www.gretnacommunityfoundation.org.

1. All applications must be postmarked or emailed by November 15th or they will not be eligible.
2. Only nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) status are eligible to receive GCF grant funding.
3. No hand delivered applications will be accepted.
4. Nonprofit organizations can submit grant requests of up to \$5,000 for consideration.
5. Organizations can only submit one application per grant cycle. Organizations must submit a new application for each grant cycle.
6. All applications must be typed or printed from an electronic application. No handwritten applications will be considered.
7. All questions on the application form must be answered. Supporting documents are required.
8. The grant recipient will be required to sign a grant agreement and provide a detailed report to the GCF on how the funds were expended, including applicable receipts. The recipient must agree to arrange appropriate publicity regarding the receipt of grant funding from the GCF.
9. Misuse of funds will result in a recall of the grant and ineligibility for future grant support.

Please submit completed application to:

By Mail	By Email
Gretna Community Foundation Attn: Grant Review Committee P.O. Box 462 Gretna, NE 68028-0462	info@gretnacommunityfoundation.org

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Eligibility Requirements

Organizations seeking GCF funding must meet the following criteria:

1. The organization must provide services to, and the grant proceeds must be used within, the City of Gretna, and/or the Gretna School District to be considered for support.
2. The organization must qualify as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit federally tax exempt organization under the regulations of the United States Internal Revenue Service.
3. As a general rule, GCF does not support grant requests for:
 - Debt reduction.
 - Direct aid to individuals/families.
 - Projects of religion-based organizations (unless the project is secular and does not give priority or preferential treatment to the religious organization or its members).
 - Political organizations or projects.
 - Dinners, tickets, conferences.
 - Tax supported activities identified by GCF as being the responsibility of federal, state and local governments.
 - Organizations with an “active” grant. An “active” grant is a GCF grant that has been awarded but not expended. This grant will not be considered “closed” until a final report has been received on the project or organization for which the grant was provided.

The GCF reserves the right to fund occasional grant requests for items on the above list at the discretion of the Board.

Application Packet

Please submit the following information:

1. Completed and signed Grant Application Form.
2. Board of directors list, including contact information.
3. Federal tax exemption letter from the IRS
4. Form 990, balance sheet and income statement for the two most recent fiscal years.
5. Organization’s total operating budget for the current fiscal year, including principal sources of income.
6. If applicable, requests for any activities involving school-based programs must include a written confirmation letter that the proposed project or activity has been reviewed and accepted by the selected school district(s).

If the applicant is a current fund established at GCF or other community foundation: the Federal tax exemption letter from the IRS, Form 990, balance sheets and income statements aren’t required.

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GCF reserves the right to reject an application or request missing items for incomplete packets at the discretion of the Board.

Review Process

Once an application has been received, a multi-stage review begins, which for the grant cycle will occur over the course of several weeks. Some applicants may receive phone calls, emails and/or site visits during this process. Organizations that receive funds will be notified by December 31st and invited to pick up their checks and be recognized at a public event to be scheduled in January.