

Lewis and Clark County Community Foundation

Guidelines for Awarding Grants

Mission Statement:

The Lewis and Clark County Community Foundation (LCCF) provides support for quality charitable projects benefiting Lewis and Clark County and its residents.

Philosophy:

All proposals that are submitted to LCCF shall be weighed on their merits and judged accordingly.

Fields of Interest:

Grant applications are considered in these broad program areas:

- Arts and Culture
- Economic Development
- Health Services
- Basic Community Needs
- Land and Environmental Conservation
- Historic Preservation
- Education
- Youth

Grant Guidelines:

1. Please follow all directions on the application form exactly. Please do not include any materials not specifically requested, such as a cover letter and brochures, etc.
2. Grantmaking Balance – urban and rural. LCCF seeks to provide grants throughout the county.
3. Lower Priority. In general, lower priority will be given to:
 - a. Proposals from organizations that have received grants from LCCF for two or more consecutive years. If granted for a consecutive second year, a smaller grant may be given. LCCF is unable to provide on-going support.
 - b. Capital campaigns and capital improvement projects. Exceptions may be made for capital improvements from small rural organizations.
 - c. Administrative and overhead costs. LCCF seeks to maximize its grant support to projects rather than administrative costs.
 - d. Geographic location. Proposals from outside the county that do not adequately indicate clear benefit to Lewis and Clark County residents.
 - e. New organizations that lack demonstrable record of accomplishments.

Grants Previously Awarded:

Our grants typically range from \$200 to \$700 in size. Occasionally, grants as large as \$1,000 have been awarded. We do not have the resources to make large grants and try to make our limited funds support as many organizations and projects as possible. See a list of past awarded grants on the LCCF website: www.lccfoundation.org.

(If you need help with the application, please contact Sid Armstrong at 443-5693.)