

Community Fund Grants

Meeting the needs of a diverse and ever-changing community



*The **Community Foundation of West Texas**, formerly the Lubbock Area Foundation, is a nonprofit, community foundation created by and for the people of Lubbock and the South Plains area in 1981. We exist to help area donors make a positive impact on their community.*

What is the Community Fund?

Many donors have broad interests and are interested in supporting a wide variety of community needs. They think broadly and depend on the Community Foundation of West Texas to target funding where it can be most effective through competitive grants. The income generated from unrestricted endowments created by these donors is pooled to support our most flexible grantmaking vehicle - the Community Fund.

Who Do We Fund?

Grantmaking policy and grant award decisions are made by the Board of Directors. The Foundation restricts its support to organizations in Lubbock and the surrounding South Plains area which are 501(c)(3) or the government equivalent. Grants may be made for start-up funds, general operating support, program support, and demonstration programs. The Foundation does not make grants to individuals, for political purposes, to retire indebtedness, or for payment of interest or taxes.

All grant recipients must report on the expenditure of grant funds and results of the supported project within one year of the award. Typical grant awards range from \$500 to \$2,500, with \$5,000 as the maximum from the Community Fund.

The Process

The Community Foundation of West Texas has traditionally offered multiple opportunities for the consideration of grant proposals.

Submission deadlines for 2015: February 1st, April 1st, September 1st and November 1st.

Complete proposals are reviewed by the Community Foundation of West Texas Grants Committee. Additional information or a site visit may be requested. The Grants Committee will make funding recommendations to the Board of Directors. You will be notified of the Board's decision as soon as possible after the meeting at which your proposal is considered.

Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving.

The people of the South Plains share many of the same concerns for their community. Common hopes and dreams give rise to community caring and lead to good works. A place that nurtures the best intentions into full-fledged impact, the Community Foundation of West Texas is where caring people come together to build their community.

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Funding Priorities

The funding priorities of the Community Foundation of West Texas are:

- Impact:** service to a wide segment of the community and assistance to those not adequately served by existing resources
- Innovation:** responsiveness to changing or emerging community needs and a practical approach for solving community problems
- Leverage:** the project leverages or generates other funding or resources
- Management:** there is a clear plan for implementation and the organization has the capability of delivering the service/program in a cost effective manner
- Non-Duplication:** the project does not duplicate existing programs or services

The Application

- Complete an Application Form. (online at: www.communityfoundationofwesttexas.org)
- Mail or deliver one copy of the Application Form, Narrative, and Attachments to:

Community Foundation of West Texas
6102 82nd Street, 8B
Lubbock, TX 79424

“When a person
plants a tree under
which she will never
sit, then you know
that civilization has
come to that land.”



Greek Philosopher

Narrative

- Description of the project and the need for it within the community
- Detailed project budget and specific use of funds requested
- List of grants received/pending related to the project and plans for additional funding
- A plan for evaluation of project success
- Plans for project continuation

Attachments

- Most recent IRS Filing (Form 990)
- A detailed copy of the organization's current annual operating budget and year-to-date financial statements
- A copy of the most recent audit (if no audit, financial statements for previous year)
- A current listing of the Board of Directors

If you have any questions about the proposal process please contact:

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