

Community Fund Grants:

Meeting the needs of a diverse and ever-changing community



The *Community Foundation of West Texas* is a nonprofit, community foundation created by and for the people of South Plains region 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 the 15-county South Plains region which are 501(c)(3) or the government equivalent. Grants may be made for programs and projects in the areas of Civic, Social and Economic Development; Education and Youth; Basic Needs and Self Sufficiency. 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 \$1,000 to \$3,000, with \$5,000 as the maximum generally awarded 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 2016: February 1st, April 1st, August 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.

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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.

Funding Priorities

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

- Impact:** There is a compelling opportunity to make a difference in the quality of life for people who live in one or more South Plains communities. The project is responsive to proven need and offers a practical approach for solving one or more community problems
- Leverage:** the project leverages or generates other funding or resources
- Capacity:** there is a clear plan for implementation and the organization has the capability of achieving the proposed outcomes in an effective manner
- Non-Duplication:** the project does not unnecessarily duplicate existing programs or services

The Application

- Complete an Application Form. (online at: www.communityfoundationofwesttexas.org)
- Mail or deliver ten (10) copies of the Application Form, Narrative, and Attachments to:

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

Narrative

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

Attachments

- Most recent IRS Filing (Form 990)
- A detailed copy of the organization's current annual operating budget and current year-to-date financial statements
- A copy of the most recent audit (if applicable)
- Most recent year-end financial statements
- A current listing of the Board of Directors including employment affiliations, race and contact information

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

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



Greek Philosopher