

Wright County Charitable Foundation

“Enriching lives in Wright County”

115 North Main Street Clarion, Iowa 50525

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Grant Application Overview

DO NOT INCLUDE THIS SHEET IN YOUR APPLICATION

Mission Statement: The mission of the Wright County Charitable Foundation is to foster and promote private giving, to strengthen volunteer and nonprofit service providers, and to improve the condition and quality of life for the citizens of Wright County on a sustainable basis. Toward this objective, the Foundation will promote endowment building; facilitate community betterment projects and programs; analyze and prioritize community needs; initiate focused and meaningful grant making; encourage collaboration, cooperation, communication, and partnership among nonprofit groups; and support active public, private and volunteer leadership for the benefit of the greater community in Wright County, Iowa.

What we support: The Wright County Charitable Foundation is a tax-exempt vehicle for the receipt of charitable donations, gifts, and bequests as well as for grant making to worthy projects for the benefit of people in Wright County. Through the establishment of endowment or permanent funds, which are invested for long—term growth, philanthropic-minded individuals can contribute funds to build an ongoing source of financial assets to meet emerging and existing needs of the County. Through the establishment of pass-through or short-term funds, which must be spent within one year, the Foundation and its donors can facilitate current fundraising campaigns and other immediate needs of the County.

Checklist/Instructions:

- ☐ Grant Application Information has been completed (Cover page)
- ☐ Federal Tax ID Number has been given
- ☐ Fiscal Sponsorship Information has been completed and attached (If applicable)
- ☐ Copy of 501(c)(3) IRS Determination letter attached to grant application
- ☐ Project Details have been completed
- ☐ Community Impact has been completed
- ☐ Financial Information has been completed
- ☐ Project Budget details have been completed.
- ☐ Provide quotes for all materials and labor, when possible
- ☐ Include one (1) original and seven (7) copies for a total of eight (8). Please three-hole punch each copy with no staples.
- ☐ All mailed grant applications postmarked with US Post Office postmark on or before deadline date

Application Granting Cycle: January 1 – February 15, 2026

PLEASE PROVIDE THE ORIGINAL AND SEVEN (7) COPIES FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT (8). PLEASE THREE-HOLE PUNCH EACH COPY WITH NO STAPLES.

DELIVER TO: WRIGHT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 115 NORTH MAIN STREET, CLARION, IOWA 50525. NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED.

OR

MAIL TO: WRIGHT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, POST OFFICE BOX 214, CLARION, IOWA 50525. IT MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2026.

OR

EMAIL TO: wced@wrightco.iowa.gov – Need not include extra copies.

If you have any questions about whether your organization requires a Fiscal Sponsor, please contact Wright County Economic Development, at (515) 532-6422.

Definitions/Explanations

Fiscal Sponsor: is an organization that receives the money on behalf of the grant applicant and is responsible for disbursing the money for the project and maintaining appropriate documentation. This entity must be a 501(c)(3) or a 170(c)(1) unit of government to serve in this capacity. A fiscal sponsorship agreement must accompany the grant application if a fiscal sponsor is being used.

Organizations must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt, nonprofit, public charities under section 501(c)(3) or as a “unit of government” under Section 170(c)(1) to receive grant funding. A 501(c)(3) is a section of the Federal Tax Code, which establishes the criteria for tax-exempt charitable organizations. Section 170(c)(1) refers to agencies that conduct activities to benefit the public at large, like public schools, state universities, public libraries, and volunteer fire departments.

In-Kind: In-Kind donations are non-monetary. Instead, they are payment in the form of goods or services. This includes, but is not limited to, free manual labor, donation of supplies/physical materials, donation of time by a professional (for example, lawyer or contractor), advertising space or design services, free use of equipment, etc.

Award Requirements

Award Ceremony Attendance: If your organization is chosen to receive a Wright County Charitable Foundation grant, a representative from your organization **must be present** at the Awards Ceremony (date TBD) to receive the check.

Evaluation: Upon completion of your project, which you were awarded a Wright County Charitable Foundation grant, you must complete the evaluation form within 12 months of the award date and return it to Wright County Economic Development, Post Office Box 214, Clarion, Iowa 50525.