

Derby Community Foundation Community Enrichment Grants

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

Community Enrichment Grants are competitive grants made to any tax-exempt, non-profit organization or government entity that is doing innovative and meaningful work that fits within the Derby Community Foundation's mission. The DCF awards up to \$10,000 annually in two cycles per year using a competitive application process. Application deadlines are **November 22** and **May 15** each year.

The mission of the Derby Community Foundation is to enrich the quality of life in the Derby area by being a catalyst for connecting people and resources with community needs and initiatives.

WHAT WE FUND

- Projects that meet the DCF's mission.
- Projects that provide services within the UDS 260 boundaries.
- Organizations that are classified as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Code or a governmental entity.
 - Schools, church groups, youth organizations (Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.)
 - Government & Municipal Agencies (Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Senior Center, etc.)
 - Civic Club or Organization (Rotary, Optimist, Lions, etc.)
 - Public Foundations & Support Groups (Red Cross, Victory in the Valley, etc.)

WHAT WE DO NOT FUND

- Clinical or medical research
- Contributions to capital campaigns
- Organizations that practice discrimination by race, color, creed, sexual orientation, gender, age, or national origin
- Debt retirement or deficit financing
- Endowments
- Private Foundations
- Real estate acquisitions
- Political projects of any kind
- Programs that promote a specific religious denomination
- Organizations that received a Community Enrichment Grant in the last grant cycle
- Projects that have received a Community Enrichment Grant in the past 5 years

GUIDELINES

- The non-profit status of your organization will be verified. The organization name listed on your application and the name listed on the Tax ID must match.
- Grants are for amounts up to \$2,500.
- Please do not send more information than is requested. Pictures, videos, pamphlets, etc., will not be reviewed. (Diagrams or photos embedded in the confines of the description page are acceptable.)
- Grant recipients are selected by a panel of reviewers including DCF board members and community representatives.
- The DCF will not provide an oral or written explanation for denied applications.
- **All files attached to the application must be typed.**
- Grant announcements are emailed by the DCF approximately 45 days after the application deadline.
- To apply, complete the application form and attach the required documents.

If you have questions, please call the DCF at (316) 788-9815 or email thearn@communitygiving.org or vself@communitygiving.org