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**COMPETITIVE DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS GRANT APPLICATION**

Purpose:

The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation accepts grant applications for a number of local corporations and family funds. Funding priorities are determined by each donor-advisor and may include program or project support, capital campaigns, and event sponsorships.

Competitive Donor-Advised Funds are not related to the Program Support or Organization Support grant programs. Therefore, applications to Competitive Donor-Advised Funds are not subject to the application limits for those two grant programs.

DEADLINES:

Competitive Donor-Advised Fund application deadlines for 2025 are Friday, March 7; Friday, June 27; and Friday, September 12 at 4:30 p.m. Central Time.

* March 7
  + GreatAmerica Corporation
* June 27
  + Altorfer, Inc.
  + Bloomhall Family
  + Diamond V
  + Lil’ Drug Store Products
  + World Class Industries
* September 12
  + CRST International
  + Girls With Goals
  + McGrath Automotive Group

ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY:

* The Community Foundation accepts applications from nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) status, governmental organizations, and non-501(c)(3) organizations that have a current fiscal sponsorship agreement with a 501(c)(3) organization.
* Eligible activities and funding priorities are different for each donor-advised fund. Information regarding donor-advisor priorities may be found [here](https://www.gcrcf.org/resources-for-nonprofit-organizations-serving-linn-county-iowa/grants/grant-opportunities-and-deadlines/) .

Maximum Request Amounts, Duration of Grants and Frequency of Application:

* Typical award ranges for each competitive donor-advised fund may be found [here](https://www.gcrcf.org/resources-for-nonprofit-organizations-serving-linn-county-iowa/grants/grant-opportunities-and-deadlines/) .
* Typically, organizations may receive one grant from each competitive donor-advised fund in a 12-month period, however, there are exceptions. Please contact the Program Officer for clarification.

Timing of Grant Awards:

The timing of grant awards is different for each donor-advised fund. Donor-advisors typically provide grant recommendations within three months of the deadline; however, it may take longer.

Important Note:

Under federal legislation, donor-advisors may not receive tangible benefit, goods or services as a result of a grant from their fund. This includes membership, dinners, tickets, employee teams and other benefits.

DURATION OF GRANTS:

12 months

Questions?

Contact Rochelle Naylor, Senior Program Officer, at [rochelle.naylor@gcrcf.org](mailto:rochelle.naylor@gcrcf.org) or 319.774.2373.

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

Each request type – program/project, capital, or event sponsorship– has a separate set of questions within the application.

To determine the best category for your request, look at the questions on the following pages of this document:

* Program/Project Request questions are on page 4.
* Capital Request questions are on page 4.
* Event Sponsorship Request questions are on page 5.

**Please note:** Event sponsorship refers to events that are intended to raise funds or awareness. If you have questions regarding the appropriate category, please contact the Program Officer prior to beginning work on your application.

**Pre-Qualifying Question:**

Have you updated your Organization Snapshot in the last 12 months?

**Proposal Title:**

Use a title that describes the program or project. *(This may be used in publications such as the Community Foundation website, annual report, communication with donors and other print or online publications.)* (*50-character limit)*

**Request Type:**

Is this a Program/project request, a Capital project request, or an Event Sponsorship request? *(The answer to this question will determine which specific set of questions are visible throughout the rest of the application).*

**Proposal Summary**

Organization name: *(This will auto populate from Organization Profile)*

Proposal Summary Statement: Provide a two-three sentence summary of the project. The narrative, project budget, and objectives detailed in the application should align with the proposal summary. *(This may be used in publications such as the Community Foundation website, annual report, communication with donors and other print or online publications.) (300-character limit)*

Total Project Budget including all funding:

What is the amount of funding already committed to the program/project? *(Dollar amount answer)*

Total dollar amount requested from this grant program:

**Organization Overview**

*These fields are auto-populated based on information in the Organization Profile.*

Mission statement: *(500-character limit)*

Brief organizational history: *(1000-character limit)*

Target population description: *(500-character limit)*

Description of key programs: *(1,500-character limit)*

Please provide the number of individuals served annually: *(This calculation should count each individual once, regardless of the number of activities or services the person may have accessed.)*

Number of paid employees:

Total dollar amount of the current fiscal year organizational budget:

Fiscal year end date: *MM/DD*

Description of volunteer support within organization: *(250-character limit)*

Charitable status: 501c3, governmental or requires fiscal sponsor

IRS Ruling Year: *YYYY*

IRS Effective Date of Exemption (optional): *MM/DD/YYYY*

List of Board of Director names and professional roles: *(Do not copy and paste from a PDF or from a formatted table).*

Note: The Organization Demographics required in the Organization Profile are not included in Competitive Donor-Advised Fund applications.

**Program/Project Requests**

Explain the proposal. Describe how the program or project will be carried out outlining the relevant activities and timelines. *(2,000-character limit)*

How will a typical participant be involved with this program/project, and what impact would it have on them? How will you let them know about the program/project? *(2,000-character limit)*

How many unduplicated individuals will this program/project serve? *(This calculation should count each individual once, regardless of the number of activities or services the person may have accessed).*

If providing such a count is not possible, please explain: *(500-character limit)*

**Objective:** One primary objective is required for a Program/Project request. Be specific. The objective must be measurable – e.g., increase web site traffic by 25% within one year after implementation of platform upgrades. *(200 characters)*

**Evaluation method:** how will you collect data to report on how well this objective was met? *(300 characters)*

**Capital Project Requests**

Explain the proposal. Describe how the project will be carried out, outlining the relevant activities and timelines. *(2,000-character limit)*

Being mindful of the disclaimer regarding no material benefits provided in the application guidelines, what kind of name-recognition benefits are available for supporting this project? Are there various sponsorship levels that donors should be aware of? You may upload additional materials at the end of the application process. *(250-character limit)*

Are there any deadlines for name recognition opportunities? *(250-character limit)*

Can this request be funded by a multi-year recommendation?

***Please note:*** *Objectives are not required in Capital Project applications.*

**Event Sponsorship Requests**

Explain the proposal. Describe how the event will be carried out, outlining the relevant activities and timelines. *(2,000-character limit)*

Who will attend this event? How many people do you expect will attend? *(250-character limit)*

Being mindful of the disclaimer regarding no material benefits provided in the application guidelines, what kind of name-recognition benefits are available for sponsoring this event? Are there various sponsorship levels that donors should be aware of? You may upload additional materials at the end of the application process*. (250-character limit)*

Are there any deadlines for name recognition opportunities? *(250-character limit)*

Is the primary goal of this event awareness-raising, education, or fundraising? Please describe how this event aids your organization in that effort. *(1,000-character limit)*

***Please note:*** *Objectives are not required in Event Sponsorship applications.*

ALL REQUESTS

**Document Uploads**

**Program/Project budget:** upload a completed project budget, using the Community Foundation template that can be downloaded at the bottom of the page linked [here](https://www.gcrcf.org/resources-for-nonprofit-organizations-serving-linn-county-iowa/grants/grant-opportunities-and-deadlines/competitive-donor-advised-funds/) .

**Financial Documents:** the Balance Sheet (sometimes called the Statement of Financial Position) is a financial statement that reports the assets, liabilities, and equity of the organization on a given date.  The Profit and Loss Statement (sometimes called the statement of activities, income statement, or the income and expenses statement) summarizes the revenues, costs, and expenses incurred by the organization during a specific period of time. An example of a Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement can be found [here](https://www.gcrcf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Example-Statement-of-Financial-Position-Statement-of-Activities.pdf). Financial documents provided should be dated no earlier than the end of the applicant organization’s most recent fiscal year.Contact Program Officer if you have any questions.

**Optional attachments:** up to six pages of additional attachments may be included as necessary.

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