

Doland Community Foundation

Grant Guidelines

The Doland Community Foundation was established in 2015 for the sole purpose of creating an endowed fund to build financial resources to assist with capital projects that address community needs and that impact and enhance the quality of life for residents of all ages.

The funds offered by the Doland Community Foundation represent the earnings from a larger investment held in trust by the South Dakota Community Foundation. The larger our investments, the more the Doland Community Foundation can give back to the community for projects.

Grant awards are given in April and October of each year. Generally, applicants must be classified as a non-profit, non-government organization.

Application Guidelines

The following are some of the criteria that the Doland Community Foundation Board of Directors will use in awarding grants. Please use this as a guideline to determine the eligibility of your proposed project for funding. If you have questions, you may contact any of the Doland Community Foundation Board of Directors

Volunteerism: Projects that involve significant and continuous volunteer support will be considered more favorably over projects with paid staff. Doland Community Foundation funds should not be the sole source of support for any project and may make awards contingent on proof that there are other sources of funding. The grant may also be in the form of a challenge, to be met dollar for dollar by other sources.

Discrimination: While proposals from organizations offering services exclusively to one gender, age group or race will be closely scrutinized for discriminatory practices, they will be considered for funding based on the needs of the individuals being served.

Innovation: The Doland Community Foundation desires to fund a mix of ongoing and established projects, as well as innovative projects that address existing community needs.

Fund Distribution: Disregarding advised funds designated for specific purposes, remaining grant funds will be distributed to best meet the needs of the Doland area. Grants will be awarded by the Doland Community Foundation Board of Directors based on their evaluation of applications submitted.

Project Longevity: Projects for multi-year funding are encouraged, but there will be no promise of funds available in future years.

Seed Grants: If start-up funds are requested, applications should contain supporting evidence indicating a need for the project, support for the project, and the ongoing probability of its success.

Technical Assistance: Consultants and technical assistance will be funded when they are integrally related to the accomplishment of the project's objectives.

Loans: No loans will be issued by the Doland Community Foundation

Public/Private: The Board will concentrate on funding public non-profit corporations, but will not exclude organizations that meet grant guidelines.

Exceptions: The Board reserves the right to make an exception to the printed guidelines. Exceptions taken in one instance do not necessarily constitute precedence exceptions for future grant decisions.

Grant Review Process: The Board reserves the right to reject any and all applications that do not meet the mission of the Doland Community Foundation, or clearly do not qualify. The Board will consider applications on a bi-annual basis in April and October. If all applications received are rejected by the Board, no grant funds will be distributed for that funding period. Those directors who perceive themselves to have a conflict of interest should abstain from voting on those proposals but are encouraged to offer comments on the project.

Communication with Applicants: All applicants will be informed in writing within 30 days of the board meeting if their request was approved or rejected. All decisions will be held in confidence until announced by the Doland Community Foundation Board of Directors.

Reapplication: Multiple or repeat proposals from one organization in less than a 12 month period are discouraged.

Final Evaluation: Organizations receiving funds from the Doland Community Foundation are asked to submit a report to the Board, informing them how the funds were used and how the project went.

Thank you for applying to the Doland Community Foundation.

Doland Community Foundation Board of Directors:

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