

## Grant Guidelines

The following criteria are areas of importance to the Tripp County Community Foundation in awarding grants in Tripp County. These guidelines are to be used to determine the eligibility of your proposed project.

1. **Volunteerism:** Projects that involve significant and continuous volunteer support will be considered more favorably over projects with paid staff.
2. **Matching Funds:** The Tripp County Community Foundation should not be the sole source of financial 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.
3. **Non-Discrimination:** Applications from organizations offering services exclusively to one gender, age group or race will be closely scrutinized for discriminatory practices. Funding will be based on the needs of the individuals being served.
4. **Fund Distribution:** Grants will be awarded by the Tripp County Community Foundation Board of Directors based on their evaluation of the applications that are submitted.
5. **Seed Grants:** Start-up funds will be looked upon favorably if there is supporting evidence indicating a need for the project, support for the project, and ongoing probability of its success.
6. **Technical Assistance:** Consultants will be funded if they are integrally related to accomplishing the project's objectives.
7. **Loans:** No loans will be issued by the Tripp County Community Foundation.
8. **Public vs. Private:** The Tripp County Community Foundation Board of Directors will concentrate on funding public, nonprofit organizations, but not to the exclusion of organizations that meet the grant guidelines.
9. **Exceptions:** The Tripp County Community Foundation Board of Directors may make an exception to the printed guidelines upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried by a quorum of members present voting.
10. **Grant Review Process:** The Board will consider applications bi-annually, in the spring and fall. Applications that meet the guidelines will be considered and prioritized according to the guidelines. The full Board will review applications and make awards.
11. **Eligibility:** Applicants must be located in the Tripp County Area.
12. **Communication with Applicants:** All applicants will be informed by the Board of Directors if their request has been approved. All decisions will be held in confidence until announced by the Tripp County Community Foundation Board of Directors or their duly appointed spokesperson. Grant recipients may be asked to participate in a news release which may or may not include a photo.
13. **Final Evaluation:** Organizations receiving funds from Tripp County Community Foundation are asked to submit a one page report and photographs to the Board, informing them how the funds were used, how community needs were met, and the success of the project.