

What is a “Field of Interest Fund,” and what does it mean to you?

Definition of a Field of Interest Fund: “A fund held by a community foundation that is used for a specific charitable purpose, such as education or health research”

What it can mean to your grant application: The Eau Claire Community Foundation holds several Field of Interest Funds (listed below). In many cases, grant requests that match a Field of Interest Fund’s purpose will be given extra consideration. If you see one that’s relevant to your grant proposal, you can mention it in your application. Doing so won’t guarantee funding, but it might give your proposal an advantage during the final decision-making process.

Field of Interest Funds held at the Eau Claire Community Foundation

Aubre’s Fund: This fund is intended for programs and asset purchases/improvements which enhance the quality of life for children and companion animals in the Greater Eau Claire Area.

Beckermann Family Fund: This fund focuses on family literacy; homelessness programs and prevention; and arts and culture.

Children’s Legacy Endowment Fund: This fund is intended for nonprofits that provide programs benefitting children.

Daniel and Mary Ann Ogan Educational Fund: This fund grants to educational programs in Eau Claire.

Denise Murch Memorial Fund: This fund helps ensure that Eau Claire residents have access to food, shelter, medical care, and other basic needs.

Edna Hood Memorial Fund: This fund supports programs that focus on literacy and/or music.

Fuerstenberg Family Fund: This fund supports educational opportunities in the Greater Chippewa Valley, such as those provided by the Children’s Museum of Eau Claire, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Greater Chippewa Valley, Literacy Chippewa Valley, Chippewa Valley Technical College, and others.

Jim and Kathy Pinter Mental Health Fund: This fund supports nonprofit organizations dealing with adult and youth mental health issues, including education, prevention, research, and treatment.

John and Jane Lokken Fund: This fund supports arts and culture, recreation, or administrative expenses.

Junior League of Eau Claire: This fund grants to projects promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Laura and Duane Hookom Family Fund: This fund supports parks and recreation.

Louis and Janet Frase Fund: This fund supports youth, especially opportunities for youth in financial need to interact with music and the arts.

Mayo Clinic Health System Children's Health Fund: This fund supports children's health.

Michael Lund Memorial Fund: This fund focuses on granting to programs that provide youth physical and mental health services.

Nellie and John I. Kaiser Memorial Fund: This fund is used to support grants for projects and programs that enhance children's literacy.

S.S. Safari All-Star Fund: This fund supports dog behavioral training and enrichment of shelters, foster care, and canine cancer research.

Victoria E. Finstad Fund: This fund supports the Ager House as well as local organizations that emphasize Nordic culture (music, dance, education, lectures, genealogy, etc.)