

2023 Eau Claire Community Foundation Operations Grants

Eau Claire Community Foundation

Proposal Overview

Request title*

Name the general purpose of your Operations request (e.g., "To train a new Executive Director," "To cover lost revenue due to a cancelled fundraiser," etc.)

Character Limit: 250

Amount requested from ECCF*

Character Limit: 20

Purpose of Operations request*

Choose the category that best describes your reason for requesting Operations funding at this time.

Choices

- To address a known or expected revenue shortfall
- To cover increased expenses related to capacity building
- To increase operating revenues to a sustainable level
- Other

Other

If you checked "Other," briefly explain your reason for requesting Operations funding.

Character Limit: 500

Grant category*

*Select the ECCF granting category that best fits your request. Even if your proposal is relevant to multiple categories, **please check ONE!***

Choices

- Create Culture (Visual and Performing Arts, Music, Museums, Literature)
- Form Futures (Education, Training)
- Give Green (Environment, Recreation, Animals)
- Offer Opportunities (Social Services, Accessibility Needs, Programs for Elders, Veterans' Needs)

Grant Period Eligibility*

I verify that the requested grant money will be used within the ECCF grant period (June 1, 2023 to June 1, 2024).

Choices

Yes

No

Request Information

1. Mission statement*

What is the mission statement of your organization?

Character Limit: 1500

1a. Field of Interest Funds

If you see any Field of Interest Funds that may be relevant to your organization's mission, please list them here. Learn more about Field of Interest Funds.

Character Limit: 250

2. Target population*

Briefly describe your organization's target population. (Include the service area, ages, and numbers served.)

IMPORTANT: *To be considered for funding, most of the grant proposal's impact **MUST** be in Eau Claire County.*

Character Limit: 1500

3. Community impact*

Describe your organization's impact on the Eau Claire community, including its ability to address important community needs.

Character Limit: 1500

4. Fundraising capacity*

Briefly describe the fundraising activities performed by your staff and/or volunteers. Include an estimate of what percentage of time your organization as a whole devotes to fundraising.

Character Limit: 1500

5. Financial sustainability*

Describe your organization's plan for long-term financial sustainability.

Character Limit: 1500

6. Role of Operations funding*

Explain how the requested Operations funding would fit into your organization's plan for long-term financial sustainability. What would it allow you to do that you couldn't otherwise accomplish?

Character Limit: 1500

7. Other sources of support*

List any operating reserve, endowment, or other source of ongoing financial support for your organization, including how much is available in each. If you don't have any, describe how your organization currently funds its operations without ongoing financial support.

Character Limit: 1500

Additional information (optional)

Include any other information concerning your organization that you'd like us to consider.

Character Limit: 1500

Additional Organization Information

Application Eligibility*

I have read and understood the ECCF grant eligibility requirements (listed in the Grantmaking Guidelines document), and I verify that my organization and grant proposal meet all of these requirements.

Choices

Yes

No

Year of your organization's incorporation

Character Limit: 5

Is your organization's name the same as on the IRS letter provided in the File Uploads section?*

Check "no" if your organization is currently operating under a different name or if you're using a fiscal sponsor and providing that organization's tax-exempt information.

Choices

Yes

No

If your organization's name is NOT the same as on your provided IRS letter, please explain.

IMPORTANT: If you're using a fiscal sponsor, you MUST provide a letter of support from that organization in the File Uploads section.

Character Limit: 1000

Organization's fiscal year*

Character Limit: 100

Authorization by the organization's Executive Director or equivalent officer*

I certify that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that additional information may be required by ECCF to aid the Grants Committee in their review of this request, and I'm available to answer your questions.

NOTE: Applicants who answer "no" are NOT eligible for grant funding.

Choices

Yes

No

Previous ECCF Grants

Please list the date(s), title(s), and grant amount(s) of any ECCF grants your organization has received in the past three years, including Women's Giving Circle grants.

Character Limit: 500

File Uploads

Please send an email to grants@eccfwi.org if you have any questions about the following required attachments.

Proof of Tax-Exempt Status*

Copy of tax exempt status letter from the IRS, Government Certificate of Exemption, or equivalent proof of tax-exempt status

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Budget*

Organization's current overall operating budget, including expenses and revenues

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Year-to-date Financials*

Your organization's most recent financials, including your balance sheet and statement of activities

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Board of Directors*

List of current Board of Directors or equivalent governing body members

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Letter of Support (required if you have a fiscal sponsor)

A letter of support for your request is required from your fiscal sponsor if you have one.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Organization logo*

Please upload your organization's logo. (This will be displayed at ECCF's Annual Meeting if your grant proposal is funded.)

File Size Limit: 2 MB

PLEASE NOTE: As part of our due diligence process, we will check the charitable status of your organization.