

2025 Eau Claire Community Foundation Asset Grants

Eau Claire Community Foundation

Proposal Overview

Request title*

Name of proposed asset purchase or improvement.

Character Limit: 250

Organization description*

Provide a brief description of your organization as you would give it to potential donors. If you're using a fiscal sponsor, also explain its relationship to your organization.

Character Limit: 250

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)

Target population*

Briefly describe the target population who will benefit from your proposal. (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: 500

Estimated number of lives impacted by this grant*

To the best of your ability, estimate how many people will benefit if your organization receives this grant funding.

Character Limit: 10

Explanation

Briefly explain how you arrived at this estimate.

Character Limit: 500

Grant Period Eligibility*

I verify that the requested grant money will be used within the ECCF grant period (June 1, 2025 to June 1, 2026).

Choices

Yes

No

If you see any Field of Interest Funds that may fit your request, please list them here.

Click here to learn more about Field of Interest Funds.

Character Limit: 250

Grant Catalog Questions

Your responses to the following questions will be shared to our Grant Catalog, which allows holders of Donor Advised Funds to recommend grants to applications that they wish to support.

Fund holders will have access to the Grant Catalog during the grant review process. Any grants they recommend will be included in the final grant allocations approved by the ECCF Board of Trustees at their April meeting.

Grant Catalog Short Description*

Provide a brief description of your grant request. Imagine that you're in an elevator with potential donors and have only a few seconds to capture their interest. Use wording that would inspire them to learn more about your proposal. (250 characters max)

Character Limit: 250

Grant Catalog Long Description*

This field allows you to provide a longer, more detailed description of your grant request. You don't need to use all 5000 available characters; just use whatever you need to give potential donors an understanding of your request and the benefits it will create for the community.

Character Limit: 5000

Grant Catalog Amount Requested*

Character Limit: 20

Grant Catalog Contact Name*

Provide the name of the person at your organization who would be the best contact for questions regarding this application.

Character Limit: 200

Grant Catalog Contact Email*

Character Limit: 254

Grant Catalog Telephone Number (###-###-####)*

Character Limit: 25

Grant Catalog Organization Website*

Character Limit: 2000

Grant Catalog Image*

Upload your organization logo or a photo that represents your organization and/or request. This image will appear next to the short description of your application as Fund holders browse the Grant Catalog.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Proposal Details

1. Mission statement*

What is the mission statement of your organization? How does your grant proposal help your organization meet its mission?

Character Limit: 1500

2. Community needs*

What need(s) in the Eau Claire area will your grant proposal help your organization address? How did you identify and document this/these local need(s)?

Character Limit: 1500

3. Desired outcomes*

List up to three positive outcomes you anticipate after acquiring/improving your requested asset. Number each outcome if you have more than one.

Character Limit: 1500

4. Partial funding*

Can you accept partial funding from ECCF?

Choices

Yes

No

4a. Funding Priorities

If you responded "yes" to the partial funding question, please list your funding priorities so ECCF can try to fund the most important items even if it can't fund your entire request. Good contingency planning will NOT reduce your proposal's chances of being fully funded!

Character Limit: 1000

Purchase Details

1. Approximate date of proposed purchase*

Give the month and year in which you anticipate purchasing or improving this asset. If you anticipate more than one purchase date, please give all that apply.

REMINDER: ECCF grant dollars can only be used June 1 of the year the grant is awarded to June 1 of the following year.

Character Limit: 250

2. Asset selection*

Explain how you selected the particular item(s)/vendor(s) you did. What research did you do? How do you know your proposed purchase will result in the best use of grant dollars?

Character Limit: 1500

2a. Supporting documents for asset selection

Please upload any documents that demonstrate your research process (estimates, letters of support from vendors, etc.) If you have more than one, combine them into one PDF.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

3. Ongoing costs of asset purchases*

Describe your plan for supporting ongoing costs such as maintenance.

Character Limit: 1500

4. Staff training*

Describe how your staff and/or volunteers will be prepared to use the purchased or improved item(s). What training will they need?

Character Limit: 1500

5. Asset evaluation*

How will you know that your asset purchase or improvement has successfully enhanced your organization's ability to serve the community? List up to three measures of success. Number each measure if you have more than one.

Character Limit: 1500

Budget Information for Asset Requests:

Explain your requests for grant support in each budget category. Enter **\$0** for irrelevant budget items and **NA** for irrelevant text boxes.

1. Amount requested for the asset purchase/improvement*

How much grant support are you requesting toward the total cost of your proposed asset purchase or improvement?

Character Limit: 20

Description of asset purchase/improvement request*

If you're requesting grant support for the purchase, clearly explain how the dollars would be used.

Character Limit: 500

2. Supporting expenses*

How much grant support are you requesting for costs related to your proposed asset purchase/improvement?

Character Limit: 20

Description of request for supporting expenses*

*If you're requesting grant support for this category, clearly explain how the grant dollars would be used. You can include costs for asset maintenance, contracted services (hiring a third party to perform a paid service for your organization), and any other costs that are directly related to your proposed purchase. Expenses **MUST** be necessary to support the asset purchase/improvement and not for general organization operations.*

Character Limit: 500

Total ECCF Funding*

Amount of grant support you're requesting from ECCF. (This should be the sum of numbers 1-2.)

Character Limit: 20

OTHER SOURCES OF SUPPORT

1. Agency Contribution*

How much will your organization contribute toward this asset purchase/improvement?

Character Limit: 20

Explanation of agency contribution

Briefly explain how your organization plans to support this purchase (financial contribution, volunteer hours, etc.).

Character Limit: 500

2. Other Contributions*

If you anticipate grant funding, in-kind contributions, or other support from individuals and organizations besides ECCF, estimate the amount. (In-kind contributions include services like

printing, venue space, publicity, etc. that donors supply at no cost. If you're receiving in-kind contributions, estimate how much you would pay for them if they weren't donated and include that amount in this question total.)

Character Limit: 20

Explanation of other contributions

Briefly describe any other sources of support for your proposed purchase.

Character Limit: 500

Total other sources of support*

Sum of numbers 1 and 2.

Character Limit: 20

Total purchase cost*

*Sum of the **TOTAL ECCF FUNDING** and **TOTAL OTHER SOURCES OF SUPPORT** boxes.*

Character Limit: 20

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

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

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

Authorization from the School District Superintendent (if applicable)

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL RELATED PROPOSALS REQUIRE THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT. *If your asset purchase or improvement will be located on school grounds, please upload a signed letter or an email from the Superintendent stating that she/he approves your proposal.*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

File Uploads

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

Budget*

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

File Size Limit: 2 MB

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

Year-to-date Financials*

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

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Board of Directors*

List of current Board of Directors or equivalent governing body members

File Size Limit: 2 MB

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

A letter of support is required if another organization or person is integral to your grant proposal and/or is a fiscal sponsor. If you have more than one letter of support, please combine them into one document and upload them here.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Organization logo*

Please upload your organization's logo.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

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