

The William A. Bingham Family Endowment Fund provides high-impact grants of up to \$100,000 to support a diverse array of local nonprofits, all of which are working to improve the Eau Claire area's quality of life.

Eligibility

ECCF makes grants to nonprofit agencies located in the Eau Claire area, or to those able to demonstrate significant impact within this area. Preference will be given to agencies located within the Eau Claire area.

- Applicants will need to submit evidence of 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1),(2), or (3) tax status, or another qualified 501(c)(3) organization must agree to serve as fiscal agent. Applications from tax-exempt entities like government and religious organizations are also accepted.
- Grants shall be awarded for current expenditures, not for obligations previously incurred.
- ECCF supports projects which meet important community needs and which do not duplicate existing services.
- ECCF does not make grants to organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, ancestry, color, age, familial status, disability, religion, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful sources of income, national origin, or any other discriminatory practice prohibited by state or federal law.

Application Procedures

Application forms are available through the Grant Portal on our website (www.eccfwi.org). Please consult the "Grant Opportunities" page of the website for up-to-date instructions.

- Each organization may submit only one application per grant cycle.
- Previous recipients of grants from the William A. Bingham Family Endowment Fund are ineligible to apply for another grant in the year immediately following the award.
- Each grant proposal is carefully considered by grant reviewers, whose recommendations are presented to the ECCF Board of Trustees for final approval.
- A grant acceptance agreement e-signed by the President or Executive Director of the grantee organization accepting all conditions of the ECCF grant must be submitted prior to the release of any ECCF funds.
- Grant money must be used for its approved purpose. If an organization is unable to use the money according to its original proposal, it must submit a letter of request for re-directing funds to the ECCF Board of Trustees no later than 60 days before the end of the grant period. If the request is not made or is denied, the organization must return the grant money.

Grantmaking Priorities

ECCF favors innovative proposals that:

- Promote collaboration and reduce duplication of services.
- Build upon the strengths of the community so it may respond more effectively to local needs.
- Apply ECCF's resources optimally to meet important community needs.

Please note:

- Preference will be given to requests that demonstrate the most urgent and immediate need for funding.
- ECCF encourages applicants to collaborate with other organizations in developing projects.

ECCF grants through the competitive process are not used for the following:

- Previously incurred expenses
- Direct grants to individuals, annual campaigns, or lobbying
- Contributions to endowment funds, contingency funds, or reserves
- Sectarian (religious) programs, if the program participation requires membership in the religious group or commitment to specific beliefs prescribed by the religious group
- Applications from or on behalf of schools with affiliated school Foundations, such as the Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation
- Generally, we don't fund applications with other Foundations as fiscal agents

Follow-Up Requirements

- Site visits may be requested.
- A final report on all funded grant proposals is required within 30 days of the grant period's end. Late or missing reports will make the grantee ineligible for another ECCF grant for at least one year. A time extension may be requested by the grantee at least 60 days before the end of the grant period and requires ECCF Board approval. Other reports on project status may be requested by ECCF. Publicity requirements are detailed in the grant acceptance agreement. Review the "Grant Reporting and Publicity Guidelines" tab of the "Grant Opportunities" page of the ECCF website for more information.