

Community Health Endowment Fund

The Community Health Endowment Fund of the Eau Claire Community Foundation (ECCF) serves Eau Claire and its surrounding area by awarding grants to organizations whose programs address health needs and reduce health disparities. General community needs such as the arts, community development, animal care and general education are not in scope. Grants may not be used to support abortion, contraception, assisted suicide, IVF or embryonic stem cell research.

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.
- 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.

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 health 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.

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.

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
- Generally, we don't fund applications with other Foundations as fiscal agents
- General community needs such as the arts, community development, animal care and general education.
- Any organization that has values that do not align with Catholic values, including those that support abortion, contraception, assisted suicide, IVF or embryonic stem cell research.