

FOND DU LAC AREA FOUNDATION
GRANT INFORMATION, LIMITATIONS, AND GUIDELINES

The Fond du Lac Area Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life in our geographic area. We have limited funds available for our unrestricted grants. Please consider these limitations when making your request. **The Foundation will only consider grants to organizations serving Fond du Lac County and that are in the range of \$500-\$5,000.** Asking for more money than is needed does not mean that you will get more funding. Grants are made for programs likely to make a clear difference in the quality of life of a substantial number of people.

The Foundation tends to favor projects that:

- propose practical solutions to current community problems
- promote cooperation among agencies without duplicating services
- stimulate others to participate in problem solving
- promote volunteer involvement
- strengthen an agency's effectiveness or stability
- address themselves to prevention as well as remediation

Because of limited resources, the Foundation cannot respond to all worthwhile causes. In general, the Foundation does not support:

- building funds
- capital campaigns
- religious organizations for religious purposes
- political parties
- endowments and debt reduction
- scholarly research
- annual fundraising drives or sponsorship of events
- community services which are supported by tax dollars
- travel grants
- projects outside our local geographic area

When applying for a grant, include the following information:

- 1) Completed grant application (see page 2).
- 2) A statement of *3 pages or less* containing the following information:
 - Summary of the project or proposal, including agency budget and project budget.
 - Other principal sources of support, both confirmed and potential.
 - Outcomes of the project - who will be better off, and how, at the end of the project.
 - If the project will be continued, how will it be supported in the future.
 - How are you working collaboratively with other local organizations to use your funding sources effectively to provide benefit to the people you are serving?
- 3) A copy of the IRS Federal Tax Exemption (501(c)3) determination letter.
- 4) A complete list of the organization's officers and directors.

The grants committee will adhere to the following grants schedule:

- **January 15, 2020** - grant request deadline for consideration at the February/March board of directors meeting.
- **July 31, 2020** – grant request deadline for consideration at the August/September board of directors meeting.

Applications will be notified of their application status in a timely manner following the board of directors meeting.

Send the completed information to: Fond du Lac Area Foundation
384 N. Main Street, Suite 4
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Questions and inquires may be emailed to info@fdlareafoundation.com or call (920) 921-2215.

FOND DU LAC AREA FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

Date submitted: _____

Organization name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contact person: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

Amount requested: \$ _____ Duration of project - From: _____ To: _____

Total project budget: \$ _____ When are funds needed? _____

Agency Information

Date established: _____ EIN: _____ Number of full-time employees: _____

Concise description of the Fond du Lac County-based project or program for which funding is requested: (50 word maximum)

General description of organization and purposes with an indication of population served (including numerical estimates for the last year) and principal geographic area of service:

What are the dates of the organization's fiscal year? _____

Total operating expenses for: Past fiscal year \$ _____ Current year \$ _____

Has this request been authorized by the organization's governing body? Yes _____ No _____ When? _____

This application must be signed by the president or another officer of the organization's governing body:

Signature

Title

**Send this application with the required statement, IRS determination letter, and list of officers and directors as explained on page 1.*