



Bi-annual Grant Cycle Summary

The Bi-annual Grant Cycles are funded by our unrestricted Community Fund. **The Foundation will only consider grants to organizations serving Fond du Lac County and that are in the range of \$500-\$5,000.** 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, the following information will be requested:

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

The grants committee will adhere to the following grants schedule:

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