



## Rowan365 Education Grant Opportunity

Rowan365, an initiative of the Rowan County Community Fund held at Blue Grass Community Foundation, is accepting proposals from tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations and Public Schools in Rowan County for projects/programs that improve student learning and remove obstacles to academic success for students of all ages. Such obstacles include, but are not limited to: transportation, food insecurity, physical and/or mental challenges, access to technology, language barriers, poverty and homelessness. Preference will be shown to proposals that focus on efforts to increase academic achievement among low-income, minority and English language learners. Applications will be limited to one per organization/school.

This will be a competitive grantmaking process. Grant applications will be reviewed by the Rowan365 Steering Committee and narrowed to three finalists. Representatives from the top three finalists will be *required* to present a short (maximum 10 minute) presentation to the members of Rowan365 at their annual meeting in February 2019. Grants will be awarded based on membership votes. The first place winner will receive \$2,500, the second place winner will receive \$1,000 and the third place winner will receive \$500.

### **Eligibility:**

- Organization is located in or serves residents of Rowan County
- Organization is classified as a nonprofit charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code; or publicly supported organizations such as a school district or municipality
- If the organization has previously received funding by a grant program at Blue Grass Community Foundation, organization must have completed a grant report
- Organization must be willing and able to present to the Rowan365 membership at the annual meeting in February 2019

### **How to Apply:**

Visit the Blue Grass Community Foundation's website: <https://www.bgcf.org/rowan365> and look for the online application link for the Rowan365 grant opportunity.

**Deadline to apply:** December 20, 2018, by 5:00 pm

**Finalist Presentations:** mid-February 2019

**Grant Period:** February 2019 – October 2019

### **Criteria for Review:**

While the below list is not exhaustive, applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

#### The Project:

- Clearly identifies and addresses obstacles to student achievement
- Demonstrates potential to improve student learning
- Benefits low-income, minority and English language learners
- Has a clearly outlined project plan and accompanying activities
- Clearly states the number and population served by the program/organization
- Identifies achievable, measurable outcomes and includes a deliberate plan for evaluating them
- Has a project budget that is clearly expressed and is appropriate in relation to the size of the project