



Woodford County Community Fund Request for Grant Applications 2021

The Woodford County Community Fund seeks applications for grants that stimulate and support innovative projects, programs, or partnerships that contribute to enhancing diverse components of the quality of life in Woodford County.

WCCF will award grants to support ideas arising from a recent survey of Woodford County residents. Successful proposals will address community needs through projects and programs that demonstrate sustainable impact and measurable outcomes. Following an initial review by the Woodford County Community Fund, the community will be invited to weigh-in and help select the final grant recipients. Grant awards will be up to **\$2,500** depending on the availability of funds.

While grant applications covering any topic will be considered, areas of interest highlighted from the 2021 survey are:

- Innovative projects in the small communities in Woodford County
- Expansion of the diversity of recreational facilities and programs in community parks
- Increased access and connectivity through walking and biking trails
- Teen focused entertainment choices

Eligibility

- Tax-exempt charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, schools, and government agencies
- Individuals or for-profit entities that have established a partnership with a qualifying tax-exempt organization, school, or government agency that will serve as fiscal sponsor for this grant application*
- Applicant organization must be located in or serve residents of Woodford County
- Organization has a GuideStar Seal of Transparency at the Silver level or higher. [GuideStar.org](https://www.guidestar.org) a national database of nonprofits recognized as 501(c)(3) organizations by the IRS. Organizations have free access to their profile on the site and can provide added information to increase the level of Transparency. [Click here](#) to learn more about earning your seal of transparency. Please note if your organization is a school or government, your

organization is not eligible to have a GuideStar profile and this requirement is waived.

***Fiscal Sponsorship**

- Generally, organizations eligible to receive grants from Woodford County Community Fund are those determined by the IRS to be public charities. However, the Advisory Board is aware that there may be worthwhile projects proposed by applicants or organizations that do not have this status. Therefore, any applicant that is not a tax-exempt charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, school, or government agency, may apply if they have established a partnership with a qualifying tax-exempt organization, school, or government agency that will serve as fiscal sponsor for this grant application.
- The fiscal sponsor is responsible for receiving, distributing, tracking, and maintaining control over grant funds.
- The fiscal sponsor is responsible for all required grant reporting.

Our key grant evaluation measures are:

- Goals are specific the proposal is for a clearly defined project (not an on-going expense) that substantively enhances an existing program, launches a new program or initiative, or has a consequential lasting impact on an aspect of life in the county
- Buy-in a commitment of additional/matching funds or substantive in-kind support in place prior to the WCCF award
- Sustainability the project will continue beyond the grant cycle IF the project is not a one and done project
- Clearly defined budget that specifically identifies the components of the project to be funded by WCCF and those to be funded by funds from other sources

Applicants will be expected to provide a summary report with photos as well as a mid-project update.

How to Apply:

Visit the Blue Grass Community Foundation's Online Application Portal:

<https://bgcf.spectrumportal.net/Accounts/LogOn>

Deadline to apply: September 10, 2021 by 5:00 pm (EST)

Community review of eligible grants: October 11 through November 1, 2021

Notification of Grant Recipients: November 2021

Grant Period: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.