Hudson-Ellis Grant Opportunity

The Hudson-Ellis Fund at Blue Grass Community Foundation is accepting applications from tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations for projects and programs that benefit Boyle County residents. The Hudson-Ellis Fund prioritizes public education, as well as programming that improves the quality of life for youth and adults with disabilities or who are economically disadvantaged. Successful proposals will address community needs through projects and programs that demonstrate meaningful impact and sustainability. The Hudson-Ellis competitive grantmaking program is made possible through the generosity of Lottie B. Ellis and other donors who established funds through bequests for the good of Boyle County. Grant awards will not exceed **$10,000.**

Funding Priorities:

- Youth and/or adults who are economically disadvantaged
- Youth and/or adults with a disability
- Public Education

Eligibility:

- Applicant organizations must be located in or providing services to residents of Boyle County.
- Applicant organizations must be classified as nonprofit public charitable organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code or have a fiscal sponsor with a 501(c)(3) designation; or be a publicly supported organization with a charitable purpose such as a school, unit of government, or place of worship providing a social service program.
- Applicant organizations must have a Candid (formerly GuideStar) Seal of Transparency at the Gold Level or higher for the current year. Candid.org is a national database of nonprofits recognized 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, government, or place of worship, your organization is not eligible to have a Candid profile, and this requirement is waived.
- Applicant organizations must not discriminate in their hiring, volunteer participation, or provision of client services. Exceptions may be made for hiring practices for religious organizations that can demonstrate bona fide occupational qualifications based on religious beliefs for employment.
- Applicant organizations with religious affiliations will be considered for funding only if the project for which they seek support attempts to address the needs of the wider community without regard to religious beliefs.
- Applicant organizations must be current on any grant reports due to Blue Grass Community Foundation.

How to Apply:
Visit the Blue Grass Community Foundation's Grant Portal:
https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=bgcf

Deadline to apply: **August 17, 2026 (11:59 ET)**
Notification: **September 2026**
Grant Period: **September 2026 – June 2027**

Questions?
Contact Kristen Tidwell, Director of Grants & Scholarships, at kristen@bgcf.org or (859) 721-2347.