



How to Write a Successful Grant Request

ACCOUNTABILITY

Does the NPO have the ability and willingness to measure and report outcomes of this investment to CFEC and to the community at large? What is the number of persons and who are the persons positively impacted by this grant opportunity? Does the organization provide you with a clear understanding of what communities (towns/cities) within Elkhart County will be impacted?

PARTNERSHIP

Is there another NPO doing similar work as you? Would it be beneficial to you, Grant County, and/or the NPO to partner together on a specific project?

STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT

Do the NPO's donors support his project/program through their own giving and/or volunteerism? Do they include information on fundraisers? Does this grant involve multiple NPO's working together to solve a particular issue? Is it clear, this organization is familiar with other organizations in the community providing similar work?

SUSTAINABILITY

Is there a sustainability plan for this project or program once the CFEC grant has been exhausted? Is this organization financial stable and able to support this project or program long-term? Is there a plan in place to support this project or program long-term?

TRANSFORMATIVE

Does this request for funding a "hand-up" or simply a "hand-out"? Does the organization provide a clear understanding of how this project or program would positively change the community? Will this grant make a long-term impact on Grant County?

Reading through our Helpful Tips

1. Carefully read through the Foundation's priorities and respective grant guidelines.
2. Be clear about why this project/program is important.
3. Know what your "like" organizations are in the community and the work we do.
4. When appropriate, collaborate with other nonprofits that serve the population you serve.
5. Make sure your organization's budget is up-to-date.
6. Be specific on how grant monies will be spent.
7. Be clear about your expected outcomes.
8. Be concise (we encourage brevity); check your spelling and punctuation (twice!).