

Grant FAQs

What type of grants does the Dripping Springs Community Foundation support?

The Foundation considers projects that fall into one or more of the following categories: Education & Training, Historical Preservation, Health & Human Services, Community Development/Community Service, Arts & Culture, Environment, Animal Welfare, Recreation & Leisure. The Foundation will consider all projects that comply with its guidelines. Receiving a grant in the past does not disqualify an organization for current consideration, if the organization has complied with all previous contractual requirements.

What are the deadlines for submitting grant proposals?

Deadlines for grant proposal submissions are January 31 and July 31. The trustees will consider only one application from an organization within a 12 month period. No proposal from an organization previously funded by the Foundation will be considered until a full and timely report of impact and expenditure of the previous grant has been submitted.

May an individual apply for a scholarship or grant?

The Foundation does not support grants to individuals in the form of scholarships or any other assistance. Grant requests can be considered only from tax-exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and who have received an IRS Letter of Determination.

What type of grants does the Foundation decline to support?

The Foundation does not support grants for:

- Fundraising events or marketing efforts;
- Stand-alone sponsorships, competitions, walks, athletic events, and tournaments etc.;
- Religious organizations for religious purposes;
- Direct or in-direct political activities, causes, candidates, organizations, legislative influence, or campaigns including direct or grass roots lobbying;
- Grants to organizations who will re-grant monies to other organizations;
- Grants to individuals in any form including, but not limited to, sponsorship of an individual or team, scholarships, tuition, medical costs, etc.;
- Ongoing operating costs including direct administrative costs or existing organizational overhead;
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, religion or sexual orientation;
- Past operating deficits or debt retirement, or expenditures that have already been made prior to proposal submittal.

Does the Foundation Fund Multi-Year Requests?

At the time, the Foundation reviews proposals for a one-year time period, and does not make multi-year commitments.

What is an appropriate amount to request when submitting a proposal?

The Foundation provides grants in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$3,000.

May an organization request interim updates?

The Foundation acknowledges receipt of proposals and provides notice immediately upon final funding decisions, but does not provide status reports during the review process.

Must the original Proposal Summary Form be completed?

The Foundation will accept reproduced copies of the Grant Proposal form if the information is complete and submitted in the exact order of the original form. The proposal should be no longer than 5-6 pages, and most sections have word limits.

May videos, CDs, or cassettes be sent as additional information?

Please do not send as materials of this type are not reviewed.

May an organization meet with Foundation representatives prior to submitting a request?

The Foundation prefers to receive and review proposals, then schedule meetings or visits at the discretion of the Grant Committee.

Must our organization have an annual audit by an independent auditor/firm?

The Foundation has a positive bias toward funding those organizations who secure an annual audit from an independent auditing firm.

How does our nonprofit organization apply to the Dripping Springs Community Foundation?

The Foundation prefers to receive proposal packages via email to: info@dsccommunityfoundation.org. Or proposal packages can be mailed to: Dripping Springs Community Foundation, PO Box 1684, Dripping Springs, TX 78620, and must be received by published deadline.