

## **Waseca Area Foundation Grant Guidelines**

*Applications due by mail or email to the Waseca Area Foundation office by March 31st. You will receive acknowledgment that your application was received from Karen Buuk, Executive Director. If you do not receive this confirmation of receipt please call Karen at the WAF office at (507) 835-5990.*

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*Agencies applying for funds must serve residents of Waseca and the surrounding area.*

- 1) The policy of the Foundation is to provide grants for community development projects and programs, which are responsive to the changing community needs in promoting quality education, cultural, wellness, recreational, social service, environmental and civic opportunities.
- 2) Grants are made to nonprofit organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to government agencies. Grants generally cannot be made to individuals.
- 3) Preference is given to projects meeting the following criteria:
  - Projects that have the greatest potential for long-term community benefits.
  - Projects that have the highest potential for success in achieving their objectives, as may be evidenced by the organization's degree of commitment and ability to obtain the needed resources to plan, organize, implement and complete the project with integrity.
  - Projects that meet community needs not currently being met.
  - Projects that promote volunteer participation and citizen involvement in meeting our community's needs.
- 4) The Foundation encourages the participation of others in funding projects, and, on occasion, provides matching funds or challenge grants in an attempt to stimulate increased response from other sources.
- 5) Grants are not usually made to support operating expenses of well-established organizations or in response to annual fund drives for sustaining support. On occasion, the Foundation may provide such support on a short-term basis when it is critical to the survival of a key agency or program, which has been placed in jeopardy by changes in funding patterns.
- 6) Grants are not usually made to establish or add to endowment funds.
- 7) Grants from discretionary funds will not ordinarily be made for the general use of churches or for sectarian religious purposes except from designated portions of the Foundation, which have been established for such purposes.
- 8) Portions of the Foundation that have been designated for scholarships are to be given to specified educational institutions which have the full responsibility for selecting the individual recipients. Grants from discretionary funds generally are not made for scholarships.

- 9) Multiple-year grants may be considered. If granted, they are contingent upon compliance with any and all stipulations set forth by the Foundation. If the Foundation determines that the stipulations are not being met, it may, at its sole discretion, terminate continued funding of the project or program.
- 10) Projects, which involve capital investments, will be considered if a non-profit organization of the Foundation maintains the title to and/or ownership of the property.
- 11) The Foundation will operate without discrimination as to age, race, religion, sex, or national origin in the consideration of grant requests and will award grants only to agencies and organizations which do not discriminate as to age, race, religion, sex, or national origin.