



Woodford County Community Fund Grant Opportunity

Woodford County Community Fund (WCCF), an affiliate fund of Blue Grass Community Foundation, is accepting grant proposals for projects, programs, or partnerships that enhance the quality of life in Woodford County. Grant awards will be in the range of **\$2,500 to \$5,000**.

In partnership with local contributors, the WCCF advisory board works to increase charitable giving and build charitable resources to impact Woodford County's most urgent needs and most transformative opportunities. WCCF will give preference to proposals which seek to:

- Make significant, long-term ripple impacts in the community
- Leverage two or more nonprofits working collaboratively to create transformative and sustainable community change and build capacity in the local community and/or organizations
- Significantly expand meaningful civic involvement and build social capital within our community
- Build on demonstrated/documentated best practices
- Implement unique, innovative approaches to address community needs
- Build upon progress achieved through prior grants
- Bridge differences among individuals, organizations or sectors of our community
- Increase an organization's ability to expand a successful program to serve a high-need population

Eligibility:

- Applicant organization must be located in or serve residents of Woodford County.
- Applicant organization must be classified as a nonprofit public charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code; or have a fiscal sponsor with a 501(c)(3) designation; or be a public institution or entity with a designated charitable purpose, such as a school or unit of government.
- Applicant organization must have a Candid/GuideStar Seal of Transparency at the **Gold level** or higher on [GuideStar.org](https://www.guidestar.org), a national database of nonprofit organizations classified as tax-exempt by the IRS. Organizations have free access to their profile on the site and can provide specific information to reach each level of transparency. [Click here](#) to learn more about earning your seal of transparency. Please note that if your organization is a school or government entity, your organization is not eligible to have a Candid/GuideStar profile, and this requirement is waived.
- Applicant organization must not discriminate in their hiring, volunteer participation, or provision of client services. Exceptions may be made for hiring practices for religious organizations who 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 organization cannot have an outstanding grant report that is past due to Blue Grass Community Foundation.

What WCCF generally will not fund:

- Individuals
- International organizations
- Sectarian or religious program/activities
- Political activities, lobbying or advocacy
- Existing obligations (e.g., debt reduction, operating deficits)

Deadline to Apply: November 6, 2024 by 11:59 pm

Notification: December 2024

Grant Period: December 2024 – October 2025

How to Apply:

Visit Blue Grass Community Foundation's Grant Application Online Portal to access the application: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=bgcf>

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