



COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

SwedishAmerican Foundation is pleased to offer the Community Grant Program, providing financial support to not-for-profit organizations, particularly those that complement the SwedishAmerican Foundation mission and vision.

FUNDING

The SwedishAmerican Board of Directors annually approves funds made available through the Foundation's Community Grant Program. Funding for this program comes from interest earned on unrestricted contributions to the Foundation, not from contributions themselves.

REVIEW

The Grant Committee holds responsibility for reviewing and approving requests according to the program guidelines and within the funding parameters established by the Foundation Operating Committee. The Operating Committee reserves the right to approve or deny all requests for funding. *A representative from grant-seeking organizations must be available to answer immediate questions by the Committee, as well as the possibility of any follow-up questions by the Committee a few years later to access the results of the grant support.*

GRANT CYCLES

Grants are awarded once per year, in June. All grant applications must be received by May 1 to be considered.

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must:

- Be a not-for-profit entity
- Serve or represent the Rockford Community, or the communities within the service area of SwedishAmerican
- Mirror the Mission, Vision, and Values of SwedishAmerican Foundation in their own activities.

Mission

The mission of the SwedishAmerican Foundation is to support the healing mission of SwedishAmerican, to satisfy the philanthropic needs of our community, and to nurture the organization's rich Swedish history and tradition.

Vision

Our vision is to work with our community to augment the healing mission of SwedishAmerican, thereby making the Rockford region a healthier and more secure place to live, work and raise families.

Shared Values: Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, Responsibility, Excellence

SCOPE

SwedishAmerican Foundation is particularly interested in supporting grant requests which benefit SwedishAmerican's neighborhood. Our neighborhood is defined by an 81 block area surrounding the SwedishAmerican Hospital campus – North to Rural, South to Railroad, West to 7th and East to

Prospect. The Foundation also seeks to support grant projects which benefit the citizens of the West side of Rockford – North to Auburn, South to Harrison, West of the Rock River and East of Springfield Ave. Projects in other neighborhoods will be considered.

Specifically, we want to support projects within these neighborhoods to alleviate homelessness, hunger and un(under)employment, improve wellness, expand early childhood development and improve offender rehabilitation/reintegration.

The SwedishAmerican Foundation Community Grant Program does not support capital requests.

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

Upon funding request submission, applicant agrees to participate in promotional activities with SwedishAmerican including press releases, media events, and social media promotion.

FUNDING FOLLOW-UP

Each grant must be used for the explicit purpose and within the time period stated in the approved grant application. Grant funds not used must be returned to the SwedishAmerican Foundation.

No later than one year (12 months) from the day the grant is received, each grant recipient must complete and submit a Community Grant Feedback Report to verify that the funds have been expended as intended. Organizations that do not submit the appropriate follow-up within the allotted time will not be eligible for future grants.