

# Competitive Grant Guidelines

Golden Belt Community Foundation supports organizations and projects that address a wide range of charitable community needs. The majority of funding is for projects and programs that promote the health and well-being of youth. There is very limited funding for: arts and culture, services for the indigent, health and human services, nutrition and physical activity, community education and development, community improvement, and public health.

## **Special Eligibility Requirements**

- Grants may be made to public charities; that is organizations described in section 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3); and to private operating foundations. The Foundation will not normally make grants to private non-operating foundations.
- Grants may also be made to units of government for public purposes. This includes Native American tribal governments.
- In exceptional circumstances, grants may be made to other types of nonprofit organization and to businesses. Using expenditure responsibility as a guideline, the Foundation will carefully supervise any such grants to document the use of its funds solely for charitable purposes.
- Grant funding for programs or projects located in Barton, Pawnee, Rush, & Stafford County, Kansas
- The program or project you are requesting funding for must be charitable

## **What We Support**

We support projects that are:

- Collaborative: leverages resources and builds partnerships
- Measurable: research driven with reliable data
- Sustainable: creates a lasting impact

## **What We Do Not Support**

Generally, the foundation does not make grants for the following:

- Grants to individuals
- Operating expenses
- Religious activities for religious purposes
- Lobbying or any other activity of a political nature
- Endowment or to retire indebtedness
- Private foundations and other grant making organizations
- T-shirts, water bottles, and similar items

## **Our Review Process**

- Staff evaluates applications for eligibility requirements.
- Applications are shared with donor advisors.
- The grants committee makes recommendations to the board.
- The board of directors reviews the competitive grant recommendations and makes final decision.

Golden Belt Community Foundation receives more requests than it can support. A decision to decline a request does not imply that the applicant's program is not needed or valued.