Good Neighbor grants encourage requests for funding in support of small projects or programs that fit within our community investment priority areas of Youth Development, Vibrant Community and Quality of Life. Good Neighbor grants also commonly include requests for support of activities such as festivals, education related needs, event sponsorships and grass roots initiatives.
Who may apply?

Organizations classified as 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charities by the Internal Revenue Service and public entities such as Schools*, Municipalities*, Libraries, and Chambers of Commerce may also qualify.

Limitations (*)

These requests apply in whole to any and all requests from Rapid Response, Good Neighbor and Community Investment Grants.

Good Neighbor Grants: Up to 2 applications will be accepted per fiscal year.

Generally speaking, organizations are discouraged from attempts to “double-dip” by submitting requests for funding from separate grant pools in the same year (example: Good Neighbor, Rapid Response and Community Investment Grants). Program staff monitor and cross-reference all requests from all pools of funding. If we notice an organization is attempting to apply for funding in all areas Program Staff may contact the organization for more details. In some instances, program staff may ask an organization to choose which request should move forward. The foundation recognizes that not all requests fit within an orderly “box”. Therefore, all grants will be reviewed on the merit of their request and unique circumstances that may include the size and scope of an organization/entity.

(*) Public school entities: Individuals representing a public school entity that would like to submit an application for funding to the foundation must submit their request to their respective school principal for initial review. If approved, each principal will then forward the request to the Superintendent. Each Superintendent will then review their slate of requests and provide final approval and direction to those who may proceed with an application to the foundation.

(*) Municipalities: Individuals and departments under the auspice of a municipality must submit their request to their highest ranking official within their department for approval. If approved, each official will then forward the request to the highest ranking official for the municipality (i.e. Mayor). This highest ranking official will then review their slate of requests and provide final approval and direction to those who may proceed with an application to the foundation.
The Basics

- Requests of $250 to $10,000
- Single year or Challenge Requests
- Address one or more of the Community Investment Priorities
- Application is available monthly
- 6-8 week complete timeline for application, review and approval

When can organizations apply?

The 1st of each month. Available 11 months of the year, June – April.

How do organizations apply for a grant?

NPO’s will be required to submit an online grant request. The online form has a 30-day window for submission and will require a username and password to log in. NPO’s are encouraged to use an organizational standard email address and password to set up your account. We urge you to share this information with at least one other individual on staff and discourage personal emails when possible. Organizations must anticipate 6-8 weeks from application to review process. Please note: grants will not be awarded for projects or programming that has incurred prior to an approval date. Please plan your application timeline accordingly.

Program staff will review all of the submitted applications following the appointed deadline. If the program staff have additional questions or see a need for further clarification of the grant request, they may call for more information.

Grant Review and Approval Process

Good Neighbor Grant requests are first reviewed by the Senior Program Officer following the appointed deadline. If the Senior Program Officer has questions or sees a need for further clarification of the grant request, you may be contacted for additional information. Following the initial review, all requests will be forwarded to the President and Chairperson of the Key Initiatives Committee (KIC) for final review and consideration.
All requests will be reviewed by a set of criteria developed by the Community Foundation, which the Senior Program Officer, President and Chairperson of the KIC committee will use to evaluate funding requests. These criteria are addressed in the grant application questions.

All of these requests will be given equal and fair consideration among a full slate of substantially competitive requests and are not a guarantee of funding.

Grant Reporting and Site Visit

Recipients of Good Neighbor Grants will be required to complete a grant report, which is due 3, 6 or 12 months following the receipt of their grant. A Site Visit is also required, generally in the month following. The due date of the grant report will be included with any grant documentation supplied along with the check. This information will also be provided by the Program Officer in their follow up phone call. In some instances a Site Visit may occur prior to the report, generally when applied to a Special Event or Festival in which a member of the Program Team will attend the event to conclude a Site Visit. If your grant is for a Special Event or a Festival which requires an admission ticket, a ticket you’re your organization will be required as part of the process in order to conclude the Site Visit. Recipients should plan accordingly.