

REVIEW OF PROPOSALS

A broadly representative group of individuals with diverse skills and abilities has been appointed by their communities to review proposals and make award determinations. As they evaluate grant applications, these community minded individuals will be looking for well organized and innovative projects/programs that will have a positive impact on part or all of Poweshiek County.

The review committee members are:

Keith Cheney - Montezuma

Ellen Zimmerman - Deep River

Coleen Van Dyke - Searsboro

Derik Parker - Hartwick

Virginia Davis - Malcom

Scott Steffen - Guernsey

Kay Cmelik - Grinnell

Tim Douglas - Brooklyn

Cathy Lents - Unincorporated Area

If you have any questions regarding your project or qualifications, you may contact Nicole Brua-Behrens at (641) 236-5518.



2015
Grants Available
for
Poweshiek County
Non-Profit Organizations

(These include organizations with the IRS 501(c)(3) designation and/or governmental entities, public schools, some non-sectarian church programs, and most post secondary educational institutions. Other non-profits may be eligible to apply based on their project or if they have an eligible fiscal sponsor that completes a "Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement.")

Grants are offered through:
Poweshiek County Alliance
An Affiliate of the
Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation



WHERE DO THE GRANTS COME FROM?

In 2004 the State Legislature created the County Endowment Fund Program to encourage charitable giving in Iowa. The legislation provides that a portion of the state gambling revenue is to be distributed to the Iowa counties that do not have gambling entities. The money allocated to each county will be awarded to a qualified community foundation or an affiliate of a qualified community foundation that can demonstrate it represents the entire county. Of the amounts awarded, 75% is to be used to make charitable grants and 25% is to be used to establish a permanent charitable endowment for the county.

WHAT IS THE PCA?

The Brooklyn Community Foundation, The Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation in Grinnell, and the Montezuma Community Foundation have joined together to form the Poweshiek County Alliance (PCA). To assure countywide representation, official delegates were recruited from Deep River, Guernsey, Hartwick, Malcom, and Searsboro, as well as a representative from the unincorporated area of the county. The PCA is now affiliated with the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, a qualified community foundation. As an affiliate of the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, the PCA is able to distribute Poweshiek County's share of the gambling revenue to non-profit organizations and projects in the county.

ELIGIBILITY

Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply if they are located in or provide services to Poweshiek County, have a 501(c)(3) designation (or IRS recognized charitable qualification), and are seeking support for a project/program that addresses the needs of people who live in the county. Of particular interest are the projects and programs that provide cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities, as well as ones that enhance the safety, beauty, and economic vitality of the county.

Projects/programs are encouraged that will benefit more than one community in the county.

Preference will be on leveraging funds that benefit the county as a whole.

NOT ELIGIBLE

PCA will not award grants to cover salaries, wages, or operating costs. Grants will not be made to:

- Organizations that discriminate based on race, sex, sexual orientation, age, or religion
- Conferences and annual meetings
- Organizations that do not serve Poweshiek County
- Individuals
- Political campaigns and lobbying efforts
- Requests for multi-year commitments
- Loans or debt retirement
- Continuous requests for operating support
- Sectarian organizations whose services are limited to members of any one religious group

GRANT AMOUNTS

Approximately \$92,000 will be distributed in 2015. No application will be rejected solely on the amount requested; however, we anticipate supporting requests ranging from \$500 to \$10,000.

TERMS OF GRANT

Every organization approved for a grant will be required to:

- Sign a "Terms of Grant" agreement
- Submit a short written report within six months on the outcomes of the funded project/program
- Acknowledge Poweshiek County Alliance's contribution in all marketing materials and press releases for the project
- Submit a W9 <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

HOW TO APPLY

Attached is an application form. It is necessary to provide all information requested in the form. The application and sample materials will also be available online at www.greaterpcf.org (click the PCA link).

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS

The Alliance plans on making grant distributions in the spring of 2015. Applications accompanied by an IRS form W9 must be received in the office or submitted electronically by **January 23rd, 2015 by 4:00PM** to be considered.