



**Greater Poweshiek
Community Foundation**

We Grow Community Through Giving

2026 GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR POWESHIEK COUNTY through the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation.

The Poweshiek County Alliance (PCA) granting program fundraises and distributes grants which foster vibrant communities and address needs throughout Poweshiek County. Through a flexible, accessible, and responsive grant application, PCA grants help build relationships and tend to community needs through annual grant disbursements. We value local organizations carrying out community betterment activities. We value transparency and simplicity in our granting process and our role in oversight and due diligence as the grantor. We value all needs associated with charitable organizations. We value private and public support for grant programs.

Approximately \$215,000 will be distributed in 2026 through a single application from a variety of funding sources. No application will be rejected solely on the amount requested; however, we anticipate supporting individual requests **up to but no more than \$10,000**.

If you have any questions about any part of your grant proposal or the application, please contact Amy Blanchard or Nicole Brua-Behrens. Contact information is included below.

For historical lists of past PCA projects funded, [click here](#).

WHERE DO PCA GRANT FUNDS COME FROM?

Poweshiek County Alliance (PCA) grants receive support from several funding sources.

- **County Endowment** funds are allocated annually by the Iowa Legislature from a portion of the state gambling revenue. 75% of the annual allocation is used to make grants while 25% of the allocation is added to the PCA endowment.
- **Community Fund for Poweshiek County** funds are allocated annually through a disbursement from the Community Fund for Poweshiek County Endowment Fund. Individual donors contribute to the Community Fund endowment and the disbursement is unrestricted.
- **Carl and Joann Orr Fund** grants are allocated from the charitable remainder unitrust from Carl and Joann Orr. Disbursements from this endowed fund are awarded solely for

projects that support physical/mental health, legal assistance, food security, and the housing needs of at-risk individuals and families in the Grinnell area.

- **Brooklyn Community Fund** grants provide support for Brooklyn area charitable organizations and public entities.
- **Montezuma Community Fund** grants provide support for Montezuma area charitable organizations and public entities.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE SUPPORTED?

Nonprofit organizations (501(c)(3)) or public entities are eligible to apply if they are located in or provide services within a particular community or the unincorporated areas of Poweshiek County. Grant projects should provide cultural, educational, recreational, wellness support, community enhancement, and/or support for physical and mental health care. Applications for general campaigns are not accepted.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE NOT SUPPORTED?

Grants will **not be** awarded to:

- Organizations that discriminate based on race, sex, sexual orientation, age or religion
- Organizations that do not serve the greater Poweshiek County area and its residents
- Individuals
- Support loans or debt retirement
- Support attendance at conferences or annual meetings
- Political campaigns and lobbying efforts
- Sectarian organizations whose services are limited to members of any one religious group
- Provide retroactive funding for any project expenses incurred before GPCF's decision dates

REVIEW OF PROPOSALS

A broad representative group of individuals with diverse skills and abilities has been appointed to review grant proposals and make award recommendations.

If you have any questions regarding your project or qualifications, you may contact:

Amy Blanchard at amy@greaterpcf.org or Nicole Brua-Behrens at nicole@greaterpcf.org or by calling the Foundation Offices at (641)236-5518.

2026 Poweshiek County Alliance Grants

Narrative Questions

Describe your organization, including background and purpose*

Character Limit: 5000

Describe the current situation and/or need. Please include how you will address the need*

If applicant is a government entity, please address how funding would help to "lessen the burdens of government"

Character Limit: 5000

Describe other groups or agencies working with your organization*

Please enter **N/A** if there will be no collaboration on this project.

Character Limit: 1000

Describe other funding secured or applied for.*

Please enter **N/A** if no other funding has been sought .

Character Limit: 500

Describe how you will measure the impact/results of your efforts.*

Character Limit: 1000

Fiscal Sponsor Details

Please complete all questions if Fiscal Sponsor is different from the Applicant*

Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name

Character Limit: 50

Fiscal Sponsor EIN*

Can be found on W9 completed and signed by your Fiscal Sponsor

Character Limit: 10

Fiscal Sponsor Mailing Address*

Can be found on the W9 completed and signed by your Fiscal Sponsor

Grant award will be mailed or deposited by ACH to Fiscal Sponsor

Character Limit: 50

Fiscal Sponsor Contact Name*

Character Limit: 100

Fiscal Sponsor of Contact Email*

Character Limit: 254

Fiscal Sponsor Contact Phone #*

Please the following format

111-111-1234

Character Limit: 15

Project / Program Information

Project / Program Name*

Enter the name of your Project or Program.

The name of the project will be included in all media related to the grant.

Character Limit: 100

Grant Proposal Primary Contact Category*

Please choose the description that best describes the primary purpose of the grant project .

Choices

Arts/Culture/Humanities (museums, historic preservation, etc)

Education (schools, adult learning programs)

Environment/Animals (environmental protection, animal-related, etc)

Health (general, rehabilitative, mental health, etc)

Human Services (public protection, emergency response, youth development, social support, etc)

Public/Society Benefit (community improvement, volunteerism, civil rights, etc)

Other

Project/Program Service Area*

Please choose the geographical area that will be primarily served by the grant proposal.

Choices

Brooklyn

Deep River

Grinnell

Guernsey

Hartwick

Malcom

Montezuma

Multiple Rural Poweshiek Co. Communities

Poweshiek County

Searsboro

Amount Requested*

Maximum request is \$10,000

Character Limit: 20

What type of organization are you?*

**If your organization is using a fiscal sponsor to steward your grant please select *Fiscal Sponsor* below. A fiscal sponsor is an organization with an active 501c3 status that will receive the funds on your organization's behalf and provide fiduciary oversight for your project.

Choices

501c3

501c4

501c6

Government Entity

School

I am using a Fiscal Sponsor

Attachments

Budget*

Please complete the budget Excel document provided:

- Click on the Budget Link to download the budget template
- Open budget using Excel, save to your computer and complete the budget
- Upload the completed budget using the "Upload a file" button below.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Please upload any supplemental documents

Include any additional information you feel is valuable .

File Size Limit: 10 MB

Board of Directors List*

Please upload your current Board of Directors list

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Please upload any supplemental documents that may assist the committee to review your proposal.

File Size Limit: 10 MB

Please upload a signed W9 by the Legal Applicant/Fiscal Sponsor*

If you are using a Fiscal Sponsor - The W9 must be signed by them and dated within the last 12 months.

Link below to IRS site for W9 form
<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Please upload a copy of your IRS tax exempt status determination letter
Not Applicable for Schools and Governmental Entities

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Signature and Certification for Legal Applicant/Fiscal Sponsor

Contact Person for Legal Applicant /Fiscal Sponsor Signature*

Character Limit: 35

Contact for Legal Applicant/Fiscal Sponsor Signature Date*

Character Limit: 10

Fiscal Sponsor's Signature and Certification

Fiscal Sponsor's Signature is required

If you are using a fiscal sponsor, they must sign off on the application in order for it to be considered complete.

Follow the steps listed below

1. Click the **blue Collaborate button** at the top of page
2. Make sure the 'Can edit' radio button is selected
3. Enter your fiscal sponsor's email (entered in Fiscal Sponsor Details section on application)
4. In the Message field enter or copy & paste the following:

"As our organization's Fiscal Sponsor, your signature is required for our grant application to be complete. Please follow link provided in email to register or sign in.

- 1. Make sure your Role is as an Applicant.*
- 2. Click on the Collaboration Requests tab.*
- 3. Click on Edit Application.*
- 4. Please go to the Fiscal Sponsor's Signature and Certification section near the bottom and complete.*
- 5. Make sure to Click on SAVE APPLICATION and sign out."*

Fiscal Sponsor Signature*

Character Limit: 100

Fiscal Sponsor Signature Date*

Character Limit: 10