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EMERGENCY GRANT GUIDELINES

SUMMARY & DEADLINES

The DeKalb County Community Foundation’s Emergency Grant program provides timely funding to organizations with urgent funding needs in DeKalb County, Illinois. These needs arise due to unforeseen events that have or will significantly interrupt essential services.

Emergency Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis (i.e., applications can be submitted at any time).

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and public sector organizations in DeKalb County, Illinois. Preference is given to 501(c)3 organizations.

TYPICAL GRANT AMOUNT

Emergency Grants typically range from \$250 to \$2,000.

EMERGENCY GRANT RESTRICTIONS

While the Community Foundation remains flexible in considering urgent needs, Emergency Grants are not generally awarded for:

- General operating expenses.
- Routine operational costs of projects, programs, and organizations including updating technology.
- Personnel and/or administrative/overhead costs.
- Meeting budget shortfalls.
- Capital or operational debt reduction.
- Providing direct financial assistance to individuals.
- Costs associated with programs or services provided to citizens outside of DeKalb County, Illinois.
- Sectarian or religious purposes.
- Any political campaign or to support attempts to influence legislative issues of a governmental body.
- Support for transportation, competition, awards, or field trips for school or organizations.

APPLYING FOR AN EMERGENCY GRANT

To apply, organizations must complete an online Emergency Grant Application at dekalbccf.org. No hard copy applications are accepted. Read the application closely and submit all requested information. There is no deadline to apply for an Emergency Grant—proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. Requests are reviewed as needed and a decision is typically made within two weeks from receipt of the application. Grants staff may contact applicants for additional information. Contact grants staff at grants@dekalbccf.org or 815-748-5383 with questions or to discuss eligibility.

GRANTMAKING NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex and gender identity, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, physical or mental ability, pregnancy, veteran status, military obligations, marital or parental status, political affiliation, or any other improper criterion be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available by the Community Foundation, and any other program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated for grants, cooperative agreements, and other assistance administered by the Community Foundation.

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