

# CLUB BLUE 2023 GRANT GUIDELINES



## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for funding, an applicant must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves youth, 18 years of age and younger, in Boone and/or Winnebago Counties.

## BACKGROUND

The Club Blue grant program was established to raise funds to supply the basic goods and services that promote the safety, health and well-being of children in need in our community.

In 2012, ten friends gathered in a Rockford home to learn about the problem of child abuse in our area and the work done at the Carrie Lynn Children's Center, an organization dedicated to supporting the victims of child abuse. Deeply moved, the women decided to build awareness and support for organizations that help our community's children by hosting a different kind of fundraiser. There would be no sit down dinner, no voice auction, no speeches, just a night of great food, drinks and dancing. Just 82 days later, the inaugural Club Blue fundraiser brought in \$126,000 for the organization that supports our area's victims of abuse.

Since 2012, Club Blue raised has raised over \$2 million and brought attention to the needs of our community's children and the nonprofits who serve them. The Club Blue Angels are opening their wings to share the good fortune with other charities in Boone and Winnebago Counties who meet the Club Blue mission: raising funds to supply the basic goods and services that promote the safety, health and well-being of children in need in our community.

Club Blue partners with the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois to grant funds to area nonprofits that serve children, while building a legacy by creating an endowment that will support their mission in perpetuity. The Club Blue Angels are women committed to their families and the community. They are united in their belief that our community's children should be socially, emotionally and physically healthy and are dedicated to supporting the organizations that can achieve this goal. The Club Blue Angels are especially grateful to the more than 200 business and personal contributors who have generously donated funds, goods, and services to make Club Blue a success.

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APPLICATION OPENS

Monday, January 30, 2023

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday, February 27, 2023

AWARDS ANNOUNCED

April 1, 2023

## APPLICATION

Applicants for the Club Blue Grant Program will need to describe, in detail, how their organization will use the funds. Activities must align with Club Blue's mission of promoting the health, safety, and well-being of children in need, 18 years of age and younger, in Boone and Winnebago Counties. Activities must conclude within 12 months of receiving funding unless specified in the application and authorized by Club Blue upon approval. Past recipients and applicants may reapply.

At least \$10,000 will be awarded. Multiple organizations may be awarded.

To learn more, including how to apply, visit [cfnil.org/grants/club-blue](https://cfnil.org/grants/club-blue).

## QUESTIONS?

Questions about the Club Blue Grants Program should be directed to CFNIL Senior Program Director James Patterson at [jpatterson@cfnil.org](mailto:jpatterson@cfnil.org) or 779-210-8206.

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Over the past six years, Club Blue has raised over \$2 million and awarded grants to the following recipients:

- Carrie Lynn Children's Center
- Children's Home & Aid
- Children's Safe Harbor
- Crusader Community Health
- Family Peace Center
- KFACT, Inc.
- MERIT
- Mother House Crisis Nursery
- Remedies Renewing Lives
- Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity
- Rock House Kids
- Rosecrance Mildred Berry Center
- Shirley's Place, a division of the Salvation Army
- Winnebago County CASA

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