

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS GRANTSEEKERS MEETING

*Updates and Insights for
Community Grants 2024*



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

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CFNIL GRANTSEEKERS MEETING 2024

ZOOM

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- Wave using reactions to ask a question between presenters
- Use the chat box to ask questions during the presentation



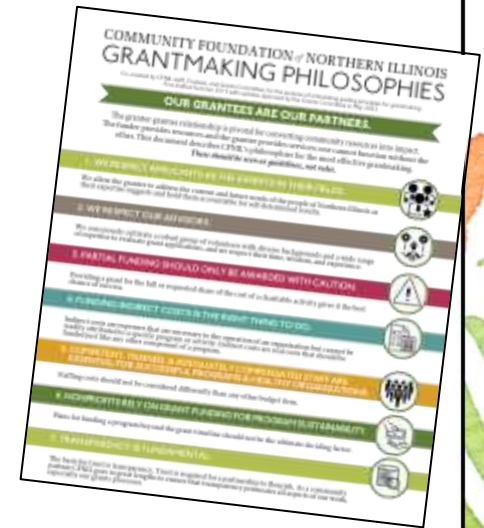
AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Grantmaking Philosophies
3. CFNIL Grantmaking Overview
4. Focus Area Updates
5. Community Grants Application
6. Other Opportunities
7. Questions?



(RE)Introducing... CFNIL GRANTMAKING PHILOSOPHIES

1. We respect applicants as the experts in their fields.
2. We respect our advisors (reviewers).
3. Partial funding should only be awarded with caution.
4. Funding indirect costs is the right thing to do.
5. Competent, trained, and adequately compensated staff are essential for successful programs and healthy organizations.
6. Nonprofits rely on grant funding for program sustainability.
7. Transparency is fundamental.



FY2023 COMMUNITY GRANTS *by focus area*

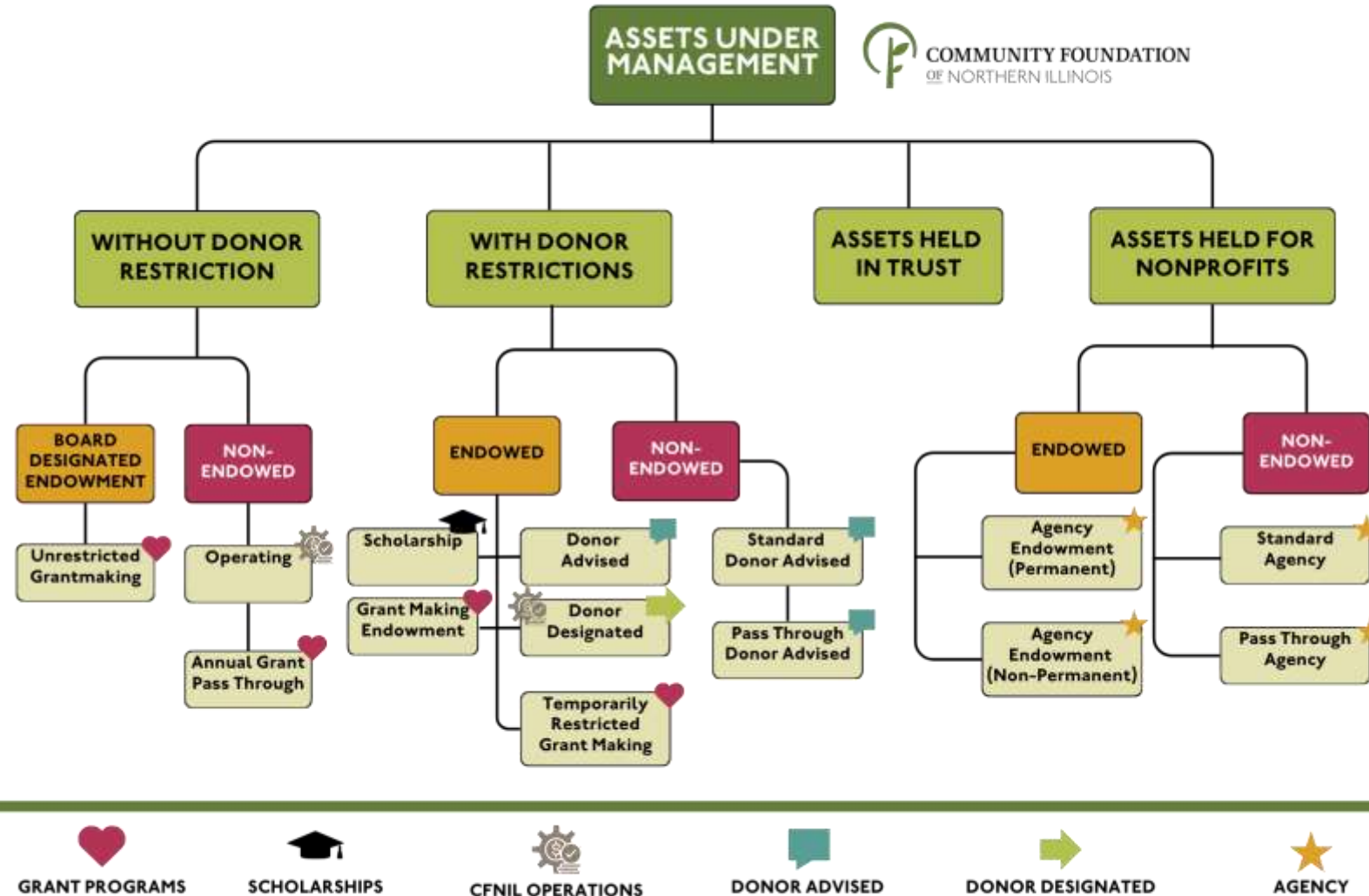


2023 - 2024 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM GRANTMAKING

FOCUS AREA	2023 # of NEW GRANTS	# of PRIOR GRANT COMMITMENTS	NEW AWARDS	AWARDS FOR PRIOR COMMITMENTS	TOTAL AWARDED
Arts & Humanities	15	-	\$174,355.91	-	\$174,355.91
Career Pathways	11	2	\$221,615.54	\$106,750.00	\$328,365.54
Complementary Education	8	1	\$253,462.41	\$80,000.00	\$333,462.41
Health	12	-	\$176,371.22	-	\$176,371.22
Human Services	19	-	\$267,786.27	-	\$267,786.27
Sustainable Communities	10	-	\$182,747.46	-	\$182,747.46
Youth & Families	10	-	\$277,072.69	-	\$277,072.69
TOTAL	82	3	\$1,553,411.50	\$186,750.00	\$1,740,161.50



“Where does the \$\$ come from to award these grants?”



How does CFNIL cover its costs?

1. Fees: 90% of our operating budget

FUND TYPE	DESCRIPTION	FEE	GOOD TO KNOW
Agency Endowment Fund	Created by a nonprofit for its own benefit.	0.75% annual fee on the average daily balance of the fund.	Gifts made by the Agency itself. Annual distributions of 4% of the fund's rolling 12-quarter average balance.
Donor Advised Fund	Created by a donor or donors to facilitate their charitable giving.	1.25% annual fee on the average daily balance. If a local grant is made at least annually, the fund receives a 0.5% fee refund.	Typically non-endowed. Minimum advised grant of \$100, no limit on # of grants that may be made.
Donor Designated Endowment Fund	Created by a donor or donors to benefit one or more nonprofit organizations.	0.75% annual fee on the average daily balance of the fund.	Annual distributions of 4% of the fund's rolling 12-quarter average balance.
Scholarship Endowment Fund	Created by a donor or donors to support students.	1.25% annual fee on the average daily balance of the fund.	Purpose and criteria co-created by donor and staff. Donor(s) may participate in selection process.



cfnil.org/create-your-own-endowment

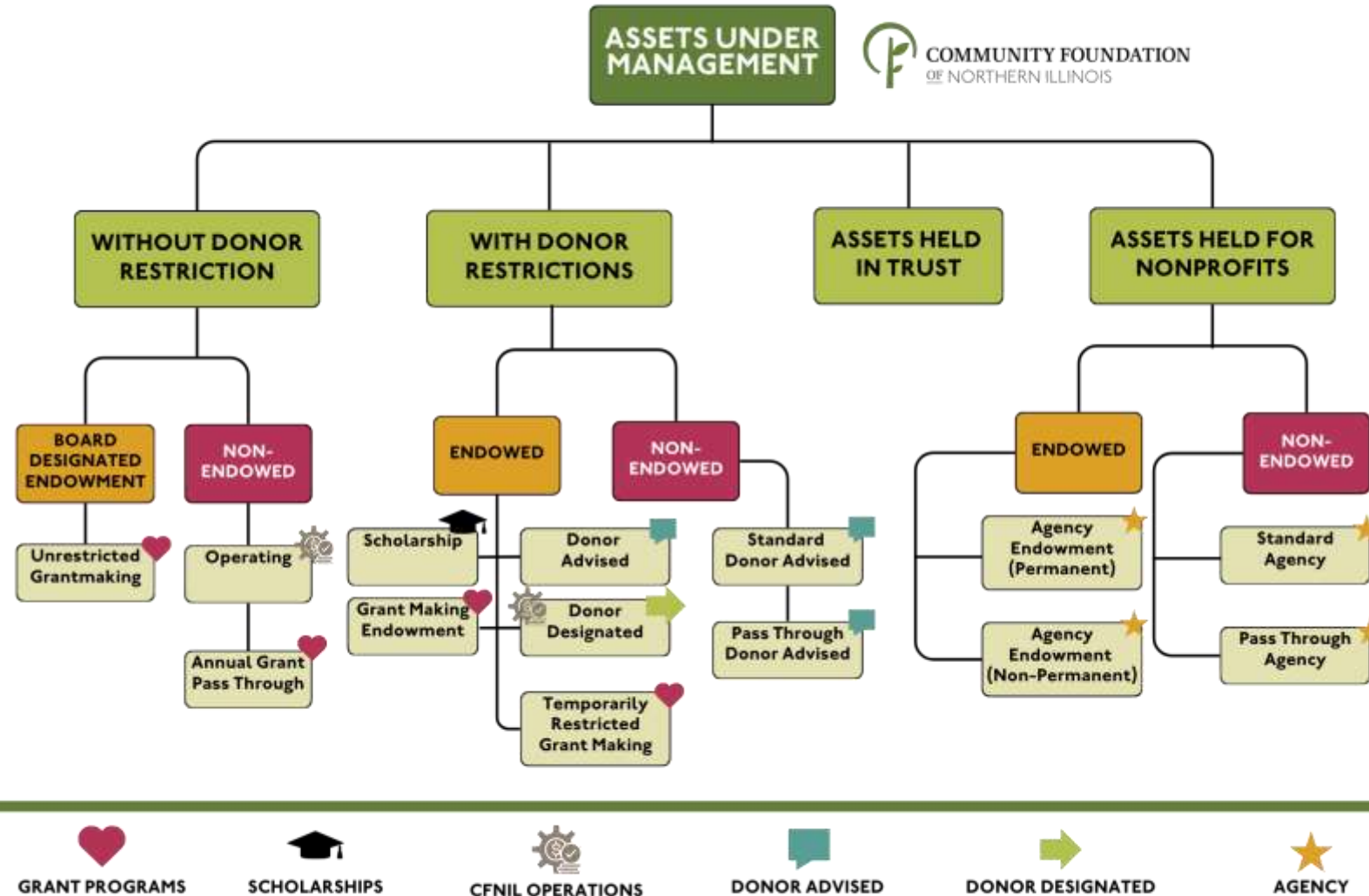
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How does CFNIL cover its costs?

1. Fees: 90% of our operating budget
2. Unrestricted Gifts: 80/20 split
3. Sponsorships



“Where does the \$\$ come from to award these grants?”



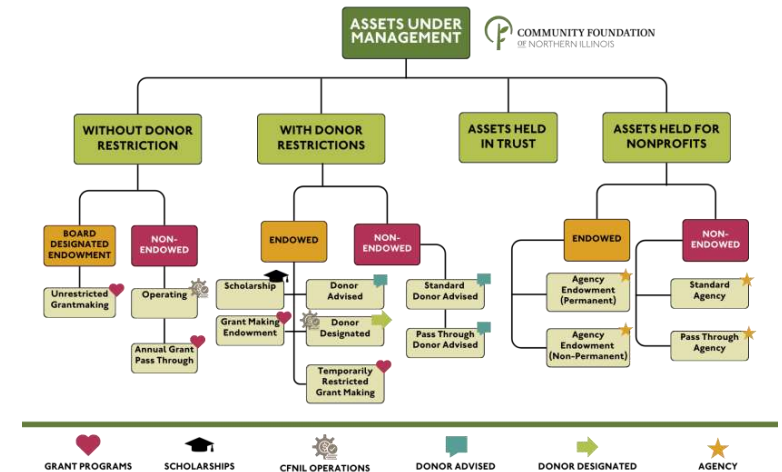
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Total Assets: \$138,751,000 (as of March 31, 2024)

- 95% permanently endowed
 - 70% are donor restricted
 - Donor Designated, Donor Advised, & Grantmaking Endowments
 - Scholarships
 - 15% are unrestricted
 - Grantmaking and operating
- 14% are agency (funds held for nonprofits)
- 1% are assets held in trust

CY 2023 approximately \$4.5M distributed:

- \$1.5M via Community Grants
- \$1.7M from Donor Designated and Donor Advised Funds
- \$452k from Scholarship Funds
- \$514k from Agency Funds



THANK YOU

Armer F. Ahlstrand Fund
Barber-Colman Management
Bengt & Mary Kuller Fund
Community Arts & Humanities
Donald V. and Britta A. Peterson Memorial Fund
Dr. Courtney J. and Margaret Hutchins Hamlin
Family Fund
Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund
Eunice Wishop Stromberg Fund
Glenn E. Thiel Memorial Fund
Guy B. Reno Family Fund
Guyer-Hyzer Fund
Howard D. Colman Memorial
Jon W. Lundin Historic Preservation Fund

Margaret K. Aldeen Christian Ministry Fund
Meryle A. Stockhus Fund
Norris A. & Margaret K. Aldeen Fund I
Phyllis Mae Rogers Fund
Ralph A. & Mildred Johnson Fund
Rod MacDonald Memorial Theatre Endowment Fund
Roger and Mary Reithmeier Fund
The Corbett Family Fund for Youth, Families,
and Human Services
Thomas G. and Mary Alyce Bartels Memorial Fund
Thomas W. Crull Family Fund
United Cerebral Palsy of Blackhawk Region
Vera Maureen Fisher
William & Catherine McCoy Fund



FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

United Cerebral Palsy of Blackhawk Region | Equity, Dignity, & Respect

- *services to persons with developmental disabilities, especially activities that promote inclusion* •

Jon W. Lundin Historical Preservation Fund | Arts & Humanities

- *celebrate the region's history and preserve historical integrity* •

Margaret K. Aldeen Christian Ministry Fund | Basic Needs & Compassionate Support

- *food, housing and medical needs of the poor, primarily through organizations with a Christian emphasis* •



FOCUS AREAS

Arts & Humanities



- Increase the number, type, and quality of arts, crafts, and cultural experiences and educational opportunities.
- Promote access to high-quality arts & cultural experiences, especially **those that represent our community's diverse culture.**
- **Celebrate the region's history and preserve its historical integrity.**

Health



- Promote public health and general wellness.
- Improve the quality of and access to physical and mental health services.
- Conduct research to promote the health and well-being of our community.



FOCUS AREAS

Youth & Families



- Provide pathways to self-sufficiency for individuals and families.
- Strengthen families by providing access to vital services, caregiver education, and other support.
- Support the emotional, physical, social, and character development of youth through mentorship, life skills training, and other programming.

Sustainable Communities



- Promote economic activity, strong neighborhoods, and public safety.
- **Preserve and enhance our community's build environment and ensure quality, affordable, and permanent housing.**
- **Preserve our natural environment and increase the region's understanding and appreciation of the environment, including animal welfare.**
- Increase the capacity and infrastructure of our non-profit and public sector.



FOCUS AREAS

Career Pathways



CP

- Promote post-secondary readiness and attainment through academic support, mentorship, and soft skill development.
- Increase student access to and engagement with career information and their related pathways.
- **Define the region's workforce needs and develop a skilled workforce through** job training, internships, apprenticeships, and other educational opportunities.
- Foster collaboration among educators, employers, and workforce/economic development entities.

Complementary Education



CE

- Strengthen educational opportunities for all ages within the region.
- Increase the capacity, infrastructure, and educational quality of schools and school-approved programs.
- Provide more learning hours, reinforce classroom instruction, and advance student development.
- Support before- and after-school, summer school, and enrichment programs with an academic focus.



FOCUS AREAS

Basic Needs & Compassionate Support



- Serve the basic needs to individuals and families, such as food, clothing, and temporary shelter.
- Alleviate suffering and provide hope and aid to individuals and families.

Equity, Dignity & Respect



- Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the region.
- Support, protect, and enhance the lives of underrepresented, vulnerable, or exploited populations, including but not limited to older adults, survivors of trauma, and marginalized youth.
- Provide services to individuals with disabilities, especially activities that promote inclusion for people with developmental disabilities.



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COMMUNITY GRANTS GUIDELINES & RESOURCES

Read the guidelines on the Community Grants webpage:
cfnil.org/community

Take advantage of additional resources for:
Grantseekers - cfnil.org/grant-resources
Current Grantees - cfnil.org/current-grantees



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Portal Tutorials
- Grants FAQ
- Sample Budget and Budget Narrative
- Examples of Evaluation Plans & Result Statements
- Grant Report
- Preview Version of the Application - Portal
- PDF Version of the Application - Website
- Proposal Review Guidelines
- This PowerPoint!



ELIGIBILITY

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit, religious organization, unit of government, or public university/college
- Active service to the public for one year as of December 1
- Serve the people of Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, or Winnebago County
- Not for religious purposes (Update)
- Not for fundraisers (New)



BE CURRENT ON REPORTING

- Must be current on reporting for all Community Grants grants
- If project is complete, submit your final report via online grant portal
- If not, submit interim report: Instructions are included within the application question for easy reference and on our website.

If you are not sure if you are current on your reporting,

Contact Lisa DeLang: edelang@cfnil.org!



TIMELINE

- Application opened at 8 am Friday, June 14th
- **Register on CFNIL's Grants Portal**
- Submission deadline: 5 pm, Thursday, August 15th
- Awarded in late November
- Funding period is through February 2026 (approx. 14 months)
 - Health and Education proposals may receive multi-year funding (up to 3 years)



COMPETITIVE PROCESS

- 152/\$2.1M in requests | 85/\$1.7M awarded
- Three-layered review
 - Staff review
 - Committee review – Proposal Review Guidelines
 - Board approval



FAIR & OBJECTIVE REVIEW

- Community involvement
- Conflict of interest policy
- Committee anonymity
- Advice to applicants
 - Same advice to all
 - Please call with technical questions



APPLICATION TIPS

- All applications must be submitted online
- Lower tier application - \$10,000 (New)
- Applying for currently funded programs
- Choose a Focus Area
- School Pre-Authorization Form (Update)
- Attachment specifications



APPLICATION TIPS – Part Two

- Three application limit
 - Three unique applications per organization
 - Applications submitted by a Foundation supporting an organization OR by the organization itself both count toward the three-application limit
- Interim Report upload field



SUPPORT TYPES

Selecting support type dials in more relevant questions

- Event – Less than a week
- Project – Start and end date – **Doesn't recur**
- Program – Ongoing and recurring periodically
- Capital/Commodity – Next slide please!



CAPITAL/COMMODITY SUPPORT TYPE

- NOT eligible for multi-year grants
- CAPITAL
 - NOT for general support for capital campaigns
 - Primary Purpose: Equipment purchase, remodeling project, portion of larger brick and mortar projects. EXAMPLES: Van purchase to transport clients; bathroom remodel for ADA compliance; Furnishing an area of a facility.
- COMMODITY
 - Primary Purpose: Purchase of consumable items. EXAMPLES: Purchase of bulk food; backpacks; clothing items.
 - NOT supplies for programs, such as art supplies for a painting class.



Revenue & expenses for this proposal only.

BUDGET TIPS

Budget Revenue

Item Number	Revenue Source	Amount	Status
CFNIL Request Amount	A* CFNIL Grant Request	\$* 31,700.00	Requested
CFNIL Indirect Costs Grant - See Instructions above	A* Indirect Costs Grant	\$* 4,755.00	Requested
Revenue #3	A Tutoring Fees	\$ 7,500.00	Estimated
Revenue #4	A XYZ Foundation	\$ 10,000.00	Requested
Revenue #5	A State of Illinois Grant	\$ 10,500.00	Pledged
Revenue #6	A Allocated from Organizational Budge	\$ 8,421.00	Received
Revenue #7	A ABC School District (In Kind)	\$ 4,000.00	Pledged
Revenue #8	A	\$	
Revenue #9	A	\$	
Revenue #10	A	\$	
Revenue #11	A	\$	
Revenue #12	A	\$	
Totals	0	76876	

Revenue should equal or exceed expenses. 😊

BUDGET TIPS – Revenue Side

- Include only the revenue and expenses for this proposal.
- Include indirect costs
- Status: Received, Pledged, Requested, and Estimated.
- Revenue should equal or exceed expenses.



BUDGET TIPS

Budget Expenses

Item Number	Expense Description	Amount
Indirect Expenses - Add up to 15% of Request Amount, See Instructions Above	A* Indirect Expense	\$* 4,755.00
Expense #2	A Step Ladder Tutors	\$ 36,000.00
Expense #3	A Snacks for Tutoring Program	\$ 10,000.00
Expense #4	A Tablets for Tutoring	\$ 7,500.00
Expense #5	A Classroom Rental (In-Kind)	\$ 4,000.00
Expense #6	A Classroom Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
Expense #7	A Flyers & Social Media	\$ 305.00
Expense #8	A Literacy Consultant	\$ 12,200.00
Expense #9	A Mileage to Offsite Classes	\$ 116.00
Expense #10	A	\$
Expense #11	A	\$
Expense #12	A	\$
Expense #13	A	\$
Totals	0	76876

Don't Forget!
Sample Budget & Budget
Narrative!!



BUDGET TIPS – Expense Side

- Dedicated indirect cost field.
- Include in-kind revenue & expenses.
- Items grouped into one line item must be explained in the budget narrative.
- Sample budget and budget narrative.



TWO QUOTES REQUIRED

Instructions regarding quotes:

Two quotes are required for the following:

- Any of the following that exceed \$5,000: Remodeling projects, facility rental, consultant fees, capital projects, equipment purchases, and contracted services
- Line items that consist of a quantity of the same item that exceeds \$5,000 (e.g., 50 Chromebooks, 200 backpacks)

Exceptions include:

- Internal staffing costs
- Items for which obtaining two quotes would be impossible or impractical. Must be explained in the budget narrative.
- Items that are deeply discounted by a vendor making competing quotes irrelevant. Include a letter/email from the vendor in place of quotes.

Quotes

Upload any required quotes here. Consolidate all quotes into one document to upload. PDF format required.

Upload a file [2 MiB allowed]



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Explanation Required!

Letter Required!

Only for
requests
over
\$5,000!!

TWO QUOTES REQUIRED

- Single line-item over \$5,000
- Including: remodeling projects, etc.
- Explanation needed when only one source for a line item exists
- Letter of support from partner vendors



BUDGET TIPS – INDIRECT EXPENSES

CFNIL will fund indirect costs up to 15% of the amount requested from CFNIL that's needed to implement the proposal. Indirect costs are defined as expenses that cannot be easily attributed to the funded charitable activity but are essential to the operation of the grantee. Examples include utilities, insurance, general administrative support, and the portion of a building that is used to support the general operations of the organization.



DIRECT VS. INDIRECT EXPENSES

EXAMPLE	DIRECT	INDIRECT
Rent	The portion of the building and the timeframe that is used exclusively for the charitable activity; e.g. gym rental during the time of a basketball program	The portion of the building that houses the administration; e.g. office rent
Salary	The time that staff directly spends on the charitable activity; e.g. the time the Executive Director teaches a class during daycare	The time staff spends on general support of the organization; e.g. the time the Executive Director spends managing the organization
Marketing	Marketing expenses that specifically promote the program; e.g. afterschool program brochure and sign up form	Marketing expenses that benefit the organization broadly; e.g. organization's website
Supplies	Supplies that will be used primarily for the charitable activity; e.g. books for a reading program	Supplies that will benefit multiple areas of the organization; e.g. copy paper, cleaning supplies
Insurance	Insurance that is specifically needed for the charitable activity; e.g. liability insurance for an event	Insurance for administrative office space; e.g. overall liability insurance



CFNIL

Evaluation Plan & Budgeting Workshops



Practical. Hands-on.

Snacks!



- Practical workshops
- In-person at CFNIL – please RSVP (Link to register on Community Grants webpage, cfnil.org/community)
 - Wednesday, July 24th at 9 am
 - Tuesday, July 30th at 3 pm
 - Wednesday, July 31st at 3 pm



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CFNIL 2024 COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATION WORK SESSIONS



Thursday, August 1st, 9:00a - 12:00p
Tuesday, August 6th, 9:00a - 12:00p



- Join Lisa and me for help with your application
- In-person at CFNIL – please RSVP (Link to register on Community Grants webpage, cfnil.org/community)
 - Thursday, August 1st, at 9 am, 10 am, or 11 am
 - Tuesday, August 6th, at 9 am, 10 am, or 11 am



GRANTEE ORIENTATION

- Required for all grantees that didn't attend over the past two years, but all welcome to attend
- To be held during the week of January 13, 2025
- Multiple, identical sessions will be provided
- Review reporting and publicity requirements and answer all your burning questions!



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Give

Support the causes you care about the most.
Through the power of endowment, your gift makes a deep impact -- forever!

[Ways to Give](#)

Receive

If you're a nonprofit seeking a grant for your project
or a student looking for educational support,
you're in the right place.

[Grant & Scholarship Opportunities](#)

Donate

Whether you donate to an existing endowment
or create your own, be assured that your passion
is our purpose.

[Ways to Give](#)

Grants

Support for charitable activities that benefit the
people and places of northern Illinois. Over
\$1.7M is distributed each year through the
Community Grants Program alone!

[View CFNIL Grant Programs](#)

Scholarships

90+ Unique Scholarships, nearly \$300K in
awards, just ONE Application! Application open
December 1 - February 1.

[View CFNIL Scholarships](#)

News

Check out what's new and coming soon at
CFNIL!

[Read What's Happening](#)

PORTAL REGISTRATION



Logon Page

Email Address*

jpatrickson@cfnil.org

Password*

Log On

Create New Account

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Case Sensitive!

If you don't have an account

The sooner the better 😊

Welcome to the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois's Online Grants Application Portal!

Grant Reviewers: Do not create a new account. Use the email from which you receive CFNIL notices and the password provided by the Grant Administrator. If you have questions, please contact our Grant Administrator at edelang@cfnil.org.

New Applicants: Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your login credentials. **Only one user per organization should create an initial account.** That initial user will be able to add additional users once they have started an application, using the Collaborator tool. No accounts were transferred from the old application system, so everyone will need to create a new account.

Not Sure? If you think that your organization has already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact our Grant Administrator at edelang@cfnil.org to receive your username.



PORTAL REGISTRATION

Create New Account

If you already have an Account, click the 'Cancel Account Creation' button to go to the Logon page

⚠ Using the browser's back button will delete your registration information.

ℹ This registration process has multiple steps you must complete before you can apply.

Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Important to get
right 😊

Organization Information	
Organization Name*	EIN / Tax ID (##-#####)*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Neighborhood Organizations use 00-0000000 if you do not have an EIN.
Web Site	Telephone Number (###-###-#### x###)*
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Organization Email	Address 1*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address 2	City*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
State*	Postal Code*
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Country	
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Questions: Contact
Lisa DeLang at
edelang@cfnil.org or
779-210-8210😊



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PORTAL REGISTRATION

- Access from CFNIL website
- Email is case sensitive – type exactly
- No account? Register ASAP
- Begin with one user per organization
- Be careful to get organization info correct



APPLICATION FEATURES



Apply

Organization History

Applicant Dashboard

Learn more about managing your Applicant Dashboard with this quick instruction [Applicant Dashboard](#)

Public Profile

Applicant:

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Organization:

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Rockford, IL 61107-3005 United States

[Contact Email History](#)

If your organization information does not appear correct, please contact the funder. Thank you.

Active Requests 0

Historical Requests 0

You do not have any Active Requests. [Click Apply](#) to begin the application process.

Primary contact should be the applicant



APPLICATION FEATURES



Apply

Organization History

Role (Applicant) ▼

Apply

Quick Search

The list below displays the currently available grant programs of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. The opening and closing dates of the grant opportunity are listed on the right-hand side along with the Apply button. Click the Apply button to begin an application. You may preview the questions on the application by clicking the Preview button on the left-hand side. Please note, while you can enter information into the form to reveal prompts that are tailored to your specific request, **these entries will NOT be saved, and the preview cannot be submitted.**

Learn more about this listing by viewing a quick instructional video: [Applying for Funding](#)

To invite others to join your work on a request, use the Collaborator Tool. You can also use this tool to create additional users for your organization. View the links below for more information.

- [How to Use Collaborator](#)
- [Collaborator for Adding Users to your Organization](#)

Community Grants Program Fall 2020 Application

Accepting Submissions from 08/10/2020 to 09/01/2020

This application is used to apply to CFNIL's Community Grants Program.

Preview

Application
AUTO SAVES! 😊

Apply

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APPLICATION FEATURES

- Begin application in the user account of primary contact
- Applicant Dashboard
- Access to your active and historical requests
- Access to organization's request history



APPLICATION FEATURES

- Preview – **Doesn't Save**
- Online video and written tutorials
- Auto Saves!
- Save feature alerts you to incomplete fields



APPLICATION FEATURES

Application

Public Profile

Copy Previous Answers

Copy GuideStar Profile

Collaborate

Process: Community Grants Program Fall 2020 Application - Draft 3

[Return to Application Evaluation Assigned](#)

Contact Info

Request

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[If your organization information does not appear correct, please contact the funder. Thank you.](#)

Application

Question List

[Due on 09/21/2020 05:00 PM CDT.](#)

[Fields with an asterisk \(*\) are required.](#)

Quick Tips

Application Quick Tips!



APPLICATION FEATURES

Photos?*

Do you have any photos to attach that support your proposal?

☒ Yes

☐ No

✓ Proposal Plan - Photos - Career Pathways

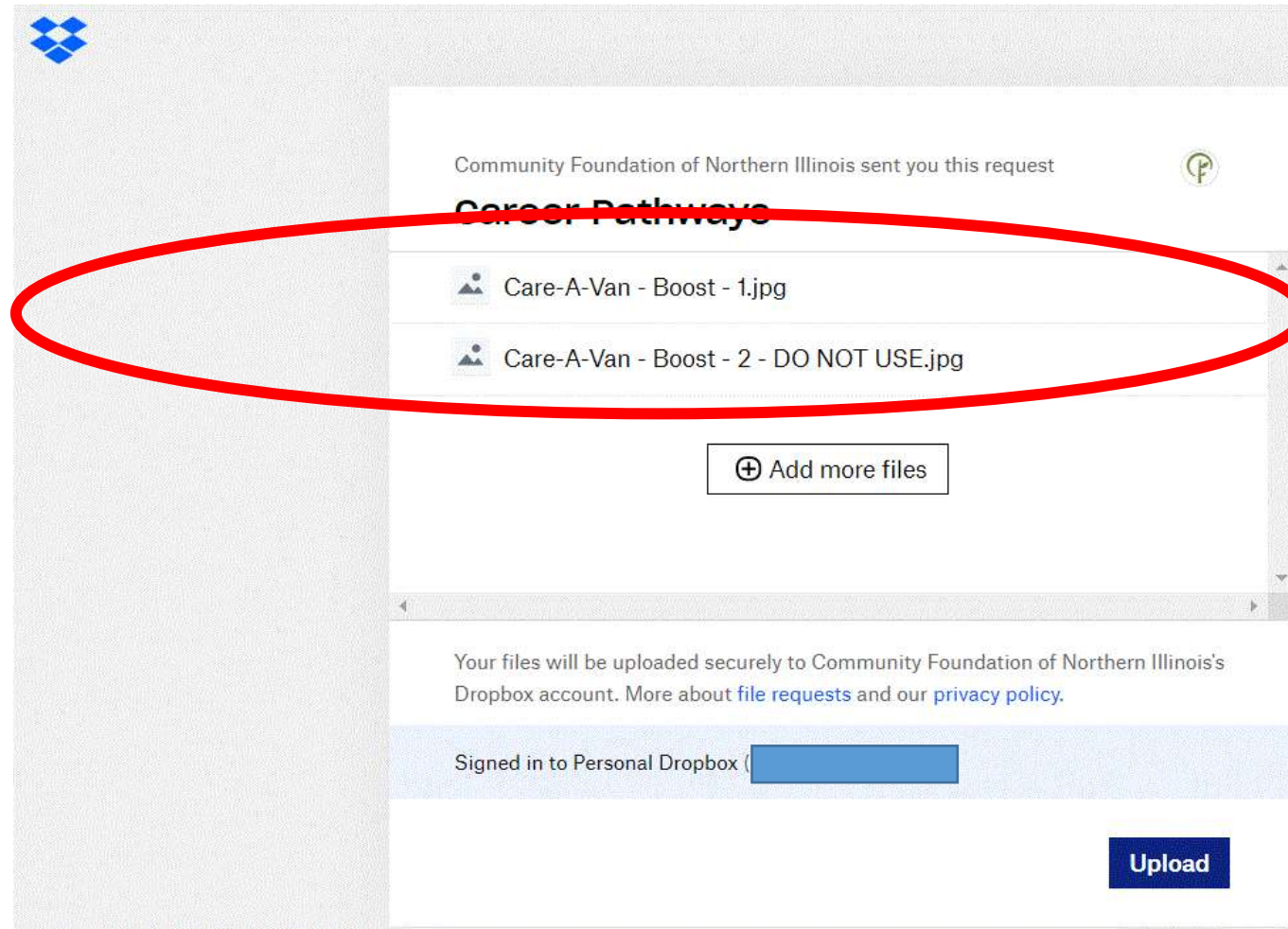
You may provide up to ten photos that support your proposal. Photos must be in JPG, PNG, or PDF format. Follow these instructions:

1. Label each file you intend to upload with the following format: "{Organization Name} – {Project Title} – {Photo Number}". Example: "ABC Tutoring – Read! Event – 1". All applicants in a focus area will be uploading into the same folder. Using this format will identify your photos from the photos of other applicants.
2. [Click this link to access our dropbox.](#)
3. Click "Choose from computer" and select the photos you would like to include. After you choose your first file, you have the option to upload multiple files at once by clicking "Add more files".
4. Once you've added all your files, click "Upload". You'll know the upload is complete when you see a message saying "Finished uploading".

Please Note: CFNIL uses photos that you provide, credited to your organization, in reports, and other types of printed and digital communications. Uploading photos here and signing the Applicant Agreement at the end of this application indicate your permission to use pictures in this manner. If, for any reason, you would like to provide a photo to support your grant that you would NOT like us to publicize, please put "DO NOT USE" at the end of that photo's file name.



APPLICATION FEATURES



APPLICATION FEATURES

- Copy previous answers – You can edit
- Collaboration tool
- Contact info populates from user account
- Question list
- Photo uploads via Dropbox



FUN NEW QUESTION

CFNIL is working on new ways to support the nonprofit sector outside of traditional grantmaking. Would any of the following services be of interest to you or your organization?

- Passthrough agency funds
- Semi-liquid agency funds
- Fiscal agency services
- A crowdfunding platform
- Back-office support
- Technical training opportunities
- Co-located work and collaboration spaces



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

In Youth We Trust (IYWT)

- IYWT Council always looking for new members: high school aged students in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties: cfnil.org/iywt
- IYWT Youth Grants: cfnil.org/grants/youth
- IYWT Adult/Nonprofit Grants: cfnil.org/grants/iywtadult



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Neighborhood Grants 2025:
cfnil.org/grants/neighborhood



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Excalibur & Excelsior Awards

Celebrating the Best & Brightest of Northern Illinois

Nominations: Open August 15 to October 1, 2024

Eligibility: People, organizations, groups/initiatives in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, Winnebago Counties.

Award Focus: Excellence in community service. Lasting impact on the people and places of Northern Illinois.

Award Details: Four Community Champions (may be individual or org/group), one for each county. Org champions awarded \$1,000 grant; individuals direct a \$1,000 grant to the nonprofit of their choice. One Excalibur (individual) and one Excelsior (org/group) award. Excalibur winner directs \$2,500 grant to the nonprofit of their choice; Excelsior winner receives \$2,500 grant.



ExcaliburExcelsior.com



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NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Northern Illinois Center
for Nonprofit Excellence

Rockford
Register
Star

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Classroom & Teaching Grants | Winter 2024

cfnil.org/grants/dkg-mini-grants



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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of NORTHERN ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS.

FALL CYCLE

NOV. 1 - JAN. 1
ONE APPLICATION,
THREE SCHOLARSHIPS.

FEHR GRAHAM
GARY WILMER/RAMI MUSIC
HOWARD D. COLMAN

WINTER / MAIN CYCLE

DEC. 1 - FEB. 1
ONE APPLICATION,
120
SCHOLARSHIPS.

SPRING CYCLE

MARCH 1 - APRIL 15
ONE APPLICATION,
FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS.

3 CYCLES, 127+ AWARDS, ONE STOP: cfnil.org/scholarships

IN THE MARKET FOR **SCHOLARSHIPS?**

2024 Community Scholarship Fair

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, EMBASSY SUITES

Details: ScholarshipsNI.com





STEP RIGHT UP!

No. 08012024

DATE AUGUST 1 TIME 4 - 7PM

Community Foundation of Northern Illinois

NONPROFIT HAPPY HOUR

946 N Second Street, Rockford

ADMIT ONE



Nonprofit staff, board members, volunteers, and anyone who likes a good time are warmly invited to join us for the third-annual CFNIL Nonprofit Happy Hour! Step right up for a carnival-themed afternoon including games, treats, prizes, and all the non-work, all-play fun you can handle. No need to RSVP, just stop by, we'll be in the back yard!

This is a family-friendly get together, kids are welcome! But FYI adult beverages will be available.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of NORTHERN ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community Investment, Community Driven.

Volunteers are an essential part of CFNIL's work.



Scholarship Reviewers

Read applications & recommend recipients for CFNIL scholarships.

After attending an introductory recruitment meeting, Scholarship Reviewers typically commit 15-20 hours in the Spring.

Next recruitment meeting: September 10, 4:30 - 5:30pm



cfnil.org/volunteer



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QUESTIONS?



CFNIL GRANTSEEKERS MEETING 2024

GET IN TOUCH!



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Thank You!



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