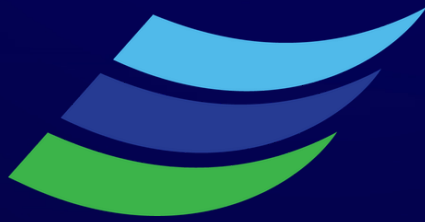


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ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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- Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving Benton and Franklin counties.
- Grants are awarded through an application-based process, and organizations may submit one application per grant cycle.
- Grant awards typically range from \$500 to \$10,000, with a limited number of awards exceeding \$10,000. The average grant award is approximately \$4,000. Organizations considering a request greater than \$10,000 are encouraged to contact 3 Rivers Community Foundation staff before applying.
- Interviews may be requested as part of the review process for some or all applicants.
- Funding decisions are announced in November. Award recipients receive two complimentary tickets to the Celebration of Philanthropy luncheon, where grants are formally recognized and presented.
- Applicants should carefully review the funding exclusions below before submitting an application.



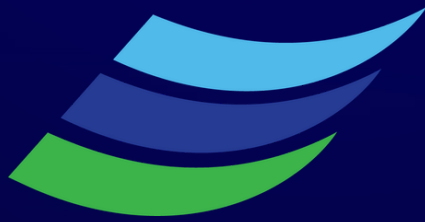
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FUNDING EXCLUSIONS

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The following requests and organizations are not eligible for funding through the Annual Grant Cycle:

- Fundraising activities & Sponsorship, including annual campaigns, donor drives, galas, auctions, golf tournaments, fundraising breakfasts, benefit dinners, and other events or activities whose primary purpose is to raise funds. Community events that provide a direct public benefit and are not primarily fundraisers may be considered.
- Capital campaigns and capital expenses
- Debt reduction, repayment, or retirement
- Endowment funds
- Matching fund requirements for other grants
- Political campaigns, political activities, or lobbying efforts
- Projects, purchases, or activities completed before grant award decisions are announced



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FUNDING EXCLUSIONS CONT.

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- Re-granting or redistributing funds to other organizations
- Religious activities intended primarily for worship, religious instruction, or proselytizing. *Organizations with religious affiliations may be eligible if the funded program serves the broader community regardless of religious belief.
- Public, private, or charter schools
- Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs)
- Service clubs and service club foundations
- Sports teams and athletic clubs
- Organizations that discriminate based on age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, or disability

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