



GRANT GUIDELINES

Geographic Limitations

The Foundation accepts grant requests from eligible tax-exempt organizations operating within Northeastern Minnesota Counties of: Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Carlton, Itasca, Northern Pine and Koochiching.

General Purposes

Based on resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors, the Foundation is operated to support community-based programs focused on finding solutions to chronic health issues.

Size and Duration

1. Grants: Requests in amounts up to \$100,000 are accepted, reviewed and awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. Grant rewards larger than \$50,000 may be disbursed over a two- or three-year time period.

2. Contributions and Sponsorships: Requests in amounts up to \$500 are accepted throughout the year and are rewarded at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Grant Cycle

Applications are reviewed and awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis, on the following schedule:

<u>Application Due Dates</u>	<u>Review Period</u>
1 st quarter – March 31	May
2 nd quarter – June 30	August
3 rd quarter – September 30	November
4 th quarter – December 31	February

Grant Types

- Project Support: Funds a particular program or project with expected outcomes
- Innovation Grant: Funds projects that experiment with new solutions to chronic health issues
- General Operating Support: Allows a grantee to decide how funds are used, with expectations and intended outcomes defined
- Seed Grant: Provides start-up funds for a new organization or program
- Program Related Investment (PRI): A low-interest loan, loan guarantee or other investment in a nonprofit
- Founders' Fund and Dr. Jerry Church Health Sustainer's Fund: Scholarship programs administered by the Foundation

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Purposes for Which Grants Are Not Made

- Grants directly to individuals, except as allowed in the Founders' Fund and Dr. Jerry Church Health Sustainer's Scholarship Programs
- Grants to for-profit entities
- Endowments or memorials
- Payment of pre-existing debt
- Religious activities
- Municipalities, other government entities or governmental departments

Position on Supporting Advocacy and Public Policy

The Foundation will support advocacy and public policy activity, as allowed by law, emanating from the work the Foundation has funded.

Responsibility

The Board shall have control over grants, contributions, and other financial assistance given by the Foundation. The Board shall oversee the solicitation, reviewing and decision-making regarding all grants and contributions. The Board shall annually provide to the public a list of grant awards and contributions made by the Foundation.