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# IMPACT GRANTS

## **Proposed Project Characteristics:**

- Addresses major local initiatives which significantly impact Pella.
- Include evidence of a strong statement of community need.
- Show strong probability for leveraged funding from other sources.
- Demonstrate significant community impact,.
- Are broad and wide-reaching in nature, and are inclusive of the entire Pella community.
- Expand existing, high performing programs.
- Collaborative in nature.
- Show evidence of long-term planning for the project.
- Sustainable to ensure community impact well beyond the grant period.
- Recognize and celebrate our community's heritage.
- .Show planning for outreach and accessibility to under-served populations.
- Demonstrate evidence of organizational capacity to suggest a good opportunity for success.
- Include a plan for evaluating success.
- Grants range up to \$25,000.

## **Grant Eligibility Requirements**

Impact Grants are made only to charitable organizations or causes with 501(c)(3) status, or to governmental agencies serving a charitable purpose.

Funding is limited to projects that will significantly improve the quality of life for the residents of Pella.

Organizations should not submit applications for both an Impact Grant and a Board Directed Grant for the same project in the same year. Organizations that do not receive an Impact Grant will be considered for a Board Directed Grant.



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**Applications will not be considered for:**

Completed projects.

Ongoing annual operating expenses or continued program funding.

Individuals.

Projects not serving residents of the Pella area.

**Impact Grant Application Timeline:**

Application deadline: **October 1st.**

**Apply Online** - only on-line applications accepted.

Award luncheon and press announcements in November.

**Impact Grant Proposals**

Provide a brief overview of your organization including mission statement, focus areas, audiences served and strategic goals.

Share the anticipated timeline for this project, including a starting and ending date.

Articulate in detail the full scope of the project and the community need being addressed. Consider this an executive summary of your proposal. Be specific and concise.

Explain how this project addresses a major community initiative.

Describe why the organization is uniquely positioned to carry out this project and its capacity to implement the proposed project.

If this project includes a formal collaboration, share information about each partner and their contributions. List the local organization's contact name, phone number and email address along with a Statement of Support document from the collaborating organization.



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Include funding request amount and total project budget.

Show percent of the overall project budget being requested.

Organization's total annual budget and financial statement.

Board of Directors list.

501(c)(3) Letter of Determination.

**TIP:** Use word processing software to compose and edit the application field contents. When complete copy and paste each field into the on-line form.

### Impact Grant Recipients' Responsibilities

Sign an Agreement Form indicating their willingness to use the funds awarded for the purpose requested.

Submit a final Grant Fulfillment Report by October 1st of the following year in which the grant is made.

Give credit to the Pella Community Foundation in all media releases made by the organization.

Return to the Foundation any grant monies not used for the designated purpose of the grant.

**An Impact Grant can play a key role in providing significant funding to projects that strengthen Pella by addressing major initiatives and promising opportunities. These grants seek to create a meaningful impact around key community issues.**