

The Keokuk Area Community Foundation

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Charitable Interests and Grant Support

The **Keokuk Area Community Foundation (KACF)** charitable interests lie in the fields of arts and culture, community betterment, education, health, and human services. KACF's primary focus for support encompasses the following areas: Hancock County, Illinois, Clark County, Missouri, and Lee County, Iowa. Grants will be made only to non-profit organizations, which have been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt under **Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code**.

I. Activities Considered for Funding

A. Activities Given Priority for Funding:

- Seed Grants to initiate promising new projects and programs so that those projects and programs are able to demonstrate their usefulness to the community.
- Projects that support new and creative proposals and people offering the greatest opportunity for positive and significant change.

B. Other Activities Considered:

- Projects in arts and culture, community betterment, education, health, and human services that serve a broad sector of the community, are innovative, and are responsive to changing community needs.
- Projects that will enable non-profit and charitable agencies to reduce costs, increase efficiency, and move toward self-sufficiency.
- Projects that address and help resolve important existing or emerging community issues.

- Projects that facilitate cooperation and collaboration among organizations and communities.
- Projects that identify, enhance, and expand leadership in the community through the support of charitable activities that empower individuals.
- Projects that improve the quality or scope of charitable works in the community.
- Capital expenditures, such as construction, remodeling additions to existing buildings, and equipment purchases.
- Projects for which other grants have been approved but require matching funds for completion.

II. Activities not considered for funding:

- KACF will not provide grant funds for purposes that **do not directly** advance your charitable purposes.
- Endowment and annual fund drives, budget deficits, and debt reduction.
- Grants for political campaigns or organizations that indirectly participate in them.
- Requests to establish or maintain scholarship funds.
- Requests for specific sectarian religious purposes (however, requests from religious organizations will be considered for general community and humanitarian programs).