



DeKalb County Community Foundation

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OPPORTUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES

The DCCF invests in the charitable efforts of nonprofit and community organizations throughout DeKalb County. Opportunity Grants are available to assist local organizations in need of funding to meet emergency needs or for special time limited projects. Opportunity Grants, typically between \$250 - \$2,000, can be applied for anytime throughout the year and are generally acted upon within 2 weeks of the request.

OPPORTUNITY GRANT PRIORITIES/ELIGIBILITY

Preference is given to organizations having 501(c)(3) status as determined by the IRS. Opportunity Grants assist non-profits and community organizations with a short-term urgent funding need:

- Created by an unforeseen event that has or will significantly interrupt essential services
- Associated with a special event or project that benefits a number of DeKalb County citizens

OPPORTUNITY GRANT RESTRICTIONS

While the Community Foundation remains flexible in trying to meet community needs, in general, Opportunity Grants are not awarded for:

- Items considered part of the organization's general operating expenses
- Direct personnel expenses associated with on-going programs
- Meeting budget shortfalls
- Providing direct financial assistance to individuals
- Costs associated with programs or services provided to citizens outside of DeKalb County, Illinois
- Sectarian or religious purposes
- Any political campaign or to support attempts to influence legislative issues of any government body
- Support of ongoing program costs

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

Organizations must submit an Opportunity Grant Application, available as a download from the website (www.dekalbcountyfoundation.org) or as a hard copy from the Foundation office. Please read the application carefully and submit all requested information. There are no deadlines for Opportunity Grants. Requests can be made at any time. Requests are reviewed on an as needed basis and a decision is usually made within two weeks from receipt of the application.

DCCF staff and/or board members may contact applicants for further information. The DeKalb County Community Foundation operates without discrimination as to race, religion, sex and national origin.