



Poverty to Prosperity Grantmaking Guidelines

The poverty to prosperity focus and intention is to move people upward and out of poverty. The goal is to **reduce the poverty rate in Newaygo County below the national average over the next 10 or more years**. To achieve this goal, the Community Foundation will focus grantmaking to support Newaygo County nonprofit agencies ingrained in this work. The following grantmaking guidelines reflect the poverty to prosperity framework and support the realization of this goal. The Community Foundation is most interested in programs that seek to align with the four poverty to prosperity indicators highlighted on the Newaygo County Area Dashboard at ncdashboard.org.

Grantmaking Guidelines for Poverty to Prosperity

Proposals should demonstrate proactive and/or proven approaches to systemic change.

Effective grant applications should demonstrate:

- Serve residents of Newaygo County
- Community need supported with relevant local data
- Alignment of grantmaking priority areas
- Alignment with measures indicated on the Newaygo County Area Dashboard
- Specific program goals
- Long-term impact
- Realistic implementation plans
- Feasible budget projection
- Sustainability
- Collaboration with community partners

Priority Areas

Grant applications are **required** to meet one of these focus areas:

- **Self-sufficiency** (personal development or skill-building with individuals)
Programs that align with this priority area identify and develop efficient pathways to increase the level of self-sufficiency of individuals by building upon individual strengths.
- **Asset development** (personal asset development of individuals)
Programs that align with this priority area identify and develop efficient pathways to help individuals build personal assets.
- **Social capital and empowerment** (increase supportive relationships and networking of individuals)
Programs that align with this priority area increase opportunities for individuals to build social networks, supportive relationships, self-esteem, self-efficacy, and sense of empowerment.

Things Fremont Area Community Foundation typically will not fund

Grants to individuals, the purchase of property, sponsorships of one-time or special events, existing obligations, religious programming requiring affiliation and/or religious instruction, or projects that began prior to award notification.