



## Grant Application Information

Thank you for your interest in applying for a community grant with Fremont Area Community Foundation. We exist to improve the quality of life for residents in Newaygo County by connecting community needs with the passions of families, businesses, and individuals.

### Strategic grantmaking

The Community Foundation implements strategic grantmaking. Funding decisions are made using focused goals, defined priorities, and a set of [shared metrics](#) designed to measure and evaluate programs and organizations that impact the community.

Priority is given to grant applications that align with one of the focus areas:

- [Community and economic development](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Poverty to prosperity](#)

*Please note each focus area has specific additional priorities to align projects for maximum community impact. Review the [focus area-specific grantmaking guidelines](#) for details.*

### General grantmaking

General grants are available to nonprofit agencies that seek to increase their organizational strength. General operating support, matching grants, and projects that address community need outside of the focus areas should apply under general grantmaking. The Community Foundation is interested in funding well-developed programs that focus on need and help transform the quality of life for participants.

*Review the community grants: [general grantmaking guidelines](#) and the [overhead policy](#) to learn more.*

### Who can apply

Agencies that are located in or directly serve the people of Newaygo County and identify as:

- 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organizations
- All units of government
- All educational institutions (preschool through college)

*Agencies seeking funding in Lake, Mecosta, or Osceola counties can find more information [here](#).*

### Grant timeline

|                             | Spring        | Fall                |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>Application deadline</b> | March 1       | September 1         |
| <b>Staff review</b>         | March - April | September - October |
| <b>Committee review</b>     | May           | November            |
| <b>Board review</b>         | June          | December            |
| <b>Grant notifications</b>  | June          | December            |

### **What is not typically funded**

- Grants to individuals
- Purchase of property
- Sponsorships for one-time or special events
- Existing financial obligations (i.e. supplanting of government funds)
- Religious programming requiring affiliation and/or religious instruction
- Projects that began prior to award notification

### **Helpful documents**

For more information on how to apply for a community grant, please view the following documents on our website:

- Grant application checklist
- Grant agency profile instructions
- Grant application instructions