



community foundationSM
Holland/Zeeland Area

2010 Funding Guidelines

The Community Foundation accepts proposals from organizations with a charitable 501(c) (3) classification under the Internal Revenue Code and who are located within or serve the greater Holland/Zeeland Area. It is the intent of the Distribution Committee and the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area to allocate resources in the most equitable manner throughout the area served by this organization. Each year the amount of funding to be distributed is established based on interest earned and donations made to the endowment funds entrusted to the organization. Grant size typically ranges from \$2,500 to \$7,500. We encourage you to call and talk with the Program Director or the Executive Director before you prepare and submit a proposal.

Please note: In 2010, the Community Foundation's Board of Trustees will place importance on responding to the increase in basic human needs in our community while continuing the Foundation's commitment to addressing the broader areas of arts and culture, community development, environment, health, human services, housing, seniors, and youth.

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GIVES PRIORITY TO PROJECTS WHICH:

- ✓ represent creative, innovative, "cutting edge" efforts to address emerging or existing community needs;
- ✓ will increase services or enable new programming;
- ✓ promote cooperation among agencies without duplicating services;
- ✓ are of a collaborative nature (lead/fiduciary organizations applying on behalf of a collaborative may also opt to apply for an agency specific grant as well);
- ✓ encourage proactive projects focused on prevention;
- ✓ can obtain the necessary additional funding to implement and maintain the project;
- ✓ encourage additional and permanent funding or matching gifts from other donors;
- ✓ yield substantial community benefits for the resources invested while serving a broad segment of the community;

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WILL GENERALLY NOT CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING IN 2010:

- requests in excess of \$15,000;
- annual fund-raising drives;
- services which are commonly recognized as government or school obligations (however the foundation does consider applications from schools for pilot projects and innovative programs);
- endowments, loans, taxes or debt reduction;
- conference speakers, fieldtrips, travel or tours, for individuals or groups;
- religious programs that advocate specific religious doctrines or do not serve the broader community.

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