

WILLIAMSPORT-LYCOMING

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Mini Grant Guidelines

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation's mini grant program is designed to fund projects that don't necessarily fit into the Foundations semi-annual grant-making cycles or ones that are time-sensitive in nature. A quick-decision turnaround time and rolling deadline enables organizations to meet our community's most critical needs without having to wait for the next competitive grant-making cycle.

What is the Community Foundation's grant-making strategy?

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation is a public charity that encourages funding requests from non-profit organizations whose programs:

- Offer creative responses to the community's most pressing needs and concerns;
- Are preventative and farsighted rather than remedial;
- Maximize the impact of relatively modest grants;
- Increase access and opportunities for people from low-income or underserved segments of the community;
- Involve cooperation or collaboration among program providers.

What activities are eligible for funding?

Organizations may submit multiple mini grant requests throughout the year. Organizations *may not* however, submit a request for the same program/project twice in one fiscal year (January 1 – December 31).

- Expenses not normally built into an organization's annual budget
- Emergent needs
- Out of the ordinary projects/programs

Who may apply?

Applicants must be a designated 501(c)3 nonprofit under the Internal Revenue Code that services the Williamsport-Lycoming area. Organizations must provide evidence of designation.

When and how should I apply?

The Foundation accepts mini grant requests with a rolling deadline throughout the year. Organizations may submit requests for funding up to \$2,000. An electronic application is available on our website www.fcfpa.org. Notification of mini grant awards takes approximately two-weeks.

Please contact Betty Gilmour, Program Officer, at 570-321-1500 or e-mail at bettyg@fcfpa.org if you have any questions.