



**2021 Grant Application Cover Sheet**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Descriptive Title of Your Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Your Project and what will be done with the funds: (250 words max)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Grant Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check one or more: **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Arts and Culture

Basic Human Needs

Economic and/or Community Development

Education

Natural Resources and Conservation

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **2021 Columbus Community Foundation Grant Information**

### **Application Deadline: Monday, August 2**

To submit the application by mail: **Columbus Community Foundation**  
**PO Box 462**  
**Columbus, MT 59019**

\*To submit via email, send to: [info@columbuscommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@columbuscommunityfoundation.org)

*\*Preferred method*

For questions, please email us at [info@columbuscommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@columbuscommunityfoundation.org). If you would like to discuss your project idea and/or application with a representative of the Foundation, please feel free to email us to setup a time.

**Eligibility:** All projects must be sponsored by an organization with 501(c)3 status or a tax exempt governmental unit serving the Columbus Community. Grants cannot be awarded to religious organizations for the sole purpose of their members. All projects must be designed to be completed within one year and may not include salary requests or administrative fees. Any items or work included in the proposal cannot be started prior to award. If your proposal has multiple phases, please detail what our grant funds will be used for. Nonprofits are eligible for funding 3 consecutive years. An incomplete application may be rejected at the discretion of the Columbus Community Foundation Board of Directors. An organization may not submit more than one grant application in a year. Each application must be limited to one project.

**Areas of Interest:** The CCF Supports Grants that address one or more of the following areas (Check all that apply):

1. Arts and Culture
2. Basic Human Needs
3. Economic and/or Community Development
4. Education
5. Natural Resources and Conservation

### ***Application Package***

- **Grant Application Cover sheet (use form)**
- **Proposal Narrative: Include the following (6) items in your narrative (maximum 3 pages for narrative, numbers 1-7) (70 percent of total proposal)**
  1. Organizational Background: What are the primary goals of your organization? How long has your organization been in existence? Who does it serve? How are you funded? What are your annual activities?
  2. Describe your Proposed Project.
  3. How does **the proposed project** address your organization's primary goals?
  4. How does **the proposed project** enhance the Community of Columbus?
  5. How many people will benefit from **the proposed project**?
  6. Collaboration – what current community support does your organization have for **the proposed project**? If your organization is part of a larger organization (i.e. department of a government agency) please provide in writing evidence the larger organization supports **the proposed project**.

7. Governing Board and Staff: Please provide a list of your Board of Directors (list their positions on the board and roles in the community (volunteer, staff, board, etc.) Is your board financially contributing to your organization? If so, what % of board members?
- **Project Budget: BE SPECIFIC. You must use the Budget Form provided. (20 percent of total proposal)** Make sure to include all income and expenses related to the total project. Include income (cash and in-kind) and expenses for all items related to the project, even if you are not requesting funding for them. (For example: if you are requesting funding for only a printer, do you have paper, cartridges, computer? Who is contributing the funding for these items or who is contributing these items?) No salary or administrative requests are allowed.
  - **Project Schedule (10 percent of total proposal)** including project start and completion dates.
  - **Overall Annual Operating Budget with Balance Sheet for your organization**
  - **Copy of 501(c)3 designation letter**

\*\*Successful applicant organizations will be required to complete reporting forms within 6 months of the grant award and must be willing to conduct a site visit regarding the proposed project with the grant committee.





**Selection Criteria**

**Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Requested: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Did the organization provide: (if not provided, the grant may not be considered at the discretion of the Columbus Community Foundation Board of Directors)**

- List of Governing Board and Staff and Affiliations \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_no
- 501c3 Designation Letter \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_no
- Organization’s Operating Budget with Balance Sheet \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_no
- Does the organization address one of the selected areas of interest? \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_no
  - Arts and Culture
  - Education
  - Basic Human Needs
  - Natural Resources and Conservation
  - Economic and/or  
Community Development

1. **Organizational Background:** Primary goals of the organization: Are they defined?  
\_\_\_\_\_POINTS (MAXIMUM 10)

2. Is there a **clear description of the proposed project**?  
\_\_\_\_\_POINTS (MAXIMUM 10)

3. **Purpose/Objectives:** Does the proposed project match the organization’s primary goals?  
\_\_\_\_\_POINTS (MAXIMUM 15)

4. How does the **project enhance the community of Columbus**?  
\_\_\_\_\_POINTS (MAXIMUM 20)

5. How many people will **benefit from the proposed project**?  
\_\_\_\_\_POINTS (MAXIMUM 10)

6. **Collaboration:** What current community support does the organization have for the proposed project?  
\_\_\_\_\_POINTS (MAXIMUM 5)

7. **Project Budget:** be specific  
\_\_\_\_\_POINTS (MAXIMUM 20)

8. **Project Schedule:** Project start and completion dates.  
\_\_\_\_\_POINTS (MAXIMUM 10)

Overall quality of the application:      **Excellent**      **Good**      **Fair**      **Poor**

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**TOTAL POINTS: \_\_\_\_\_/100 Maximum**