

# Common Good Fund

## Grant Policies and Procedures



### Overview

The Common Good Fund was created as a permanent endowment to meet the most pressing needs of our county in perpetuity. This fund is one of two community impact funds which supports local programs, grants and initiatives with the greatest impact across the county. Contributions to this fund are unrestricted in their use and the programs and activities are supported from endowment income. These are the most flexible funds and are able to be responsive to community needs as they change over time.

Competitive grants are awarded to non-profit organizations and community groups that support the arts, culture, heritage, the environment, recreation, education, health, humanitarian needs and other civic initiatives. The community foundation's staff, Grants Committee, and board seek out the best proposals, the most needed projects and the most qualified nonprofits to offer them through two annual competitive grant cycles. Grant applications deadlines are February 1 and August 1 each year. Applications are reviewed by the Foundation's Grants Committee that is made up of board members and community representatives. The committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors that have final authority over all grants awarded.

### Service Area

The Foundation welcomes grant requests from organized groups throughout Dunn County. Some funds also make grants available for the communities of Glenwood City, Spring Valley, and Elmwood, and include:

- Independent nonprofit organizations;
- Charitable organizations classified as 501(c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code;
- Local units of state or national organizations;
- Groups of individuals or clubs organized to sponsor a charitable project.

### What's Funded

In setting priorities for making grants, we consider the needs of the Dunn County area, the programs of other funding agencies, and our resources.

***Project (or program) support***—Grants to support specific projects or programs. Project grants tend to be discrete and are linked an organization's services.

***Operating (or operations) support***—Grants to support the work of an organization, covering the day-to-day personnel, administration and other expenses. Also known as core, infrastructure or unrestricted support.

***Seed money***—Grants to establish or initiate a new project, program or organization. Seed grants may cover salaries and other operating expenses of a new project. Also known as "start-up funds."

***Capacity building***—Activities that strengthen an organization and help it better fulfill its mission, such as new equipment and staff, facility purchase and renovation, training, publications, convening, and operating support.

### Restrictions

In general, the Foundation does not make grants for:

- Endowments
- Religious groups for religious purposes
- Debt retirement
- Re-granting by another organization
- Individuals (except scholarships)
- Political organizations
- Tickets for benefits
- Fundraising drives or activities, social events, or goodwill advertising
- Reimbursable projects or activities
- Organizations that exist primarily to influence legislation
- Repeat grants to the same project on an open-ended basis
- Regular on-going operating expenses
- Funds to replace budgeted on-going tax supported activities

# Healthy Futures Fund

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### Overview

The Healthy Futures Fund supports projects that promote health education, healthy lifestyles, applied health research, and health care delivery to benefit the community served by the Red Cedar Medical Center – Mayo Health System.

The Fund was established upon the dissolution of the Menomonie Community Health Foundation April 29, 2010 and is a permanent endowment fund of the Community Foundation of Dunn County. Programs and activities are supported from endowment income. The Community Foundation's Board of Directors annually determines the amount of money available for grants from this Fund.

### Service Area

Grants from the Healthy Futures Fund are made to organizations whose work benefits the service area of the Red Cedar Medical Center – Mayo Health System. The service area is limited to the following zip codes: 54002, 54003, 54013, 54015, 54027, 54028, 54721, 54725, 54730, 54734, 54735, 54736, 54737, 54739, 54740, 54749, 54751, 54761, 54767 and 54772.

### Priorities:

The Grants Committee members judge proposals based on their impact on the citizens of the Red Cedar Medical Center – Mayo Health System service area and make recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation. Priority will be given to projects and programs such as those that:

- ◆ Focus on making people aware of healthy versus unhealthy lifestyle choices and more aware of the impact of those choices on their personal health and the health of their families.
- ◆ Enhance the health status of the community.
- ◆ Integrate prevention into health care delivery.
- ◆ Prevent selected conditions or their complications (i.e., tobacco use, alcohol abuse, obesity, and others).
- ◆ Demonstrate far-sighted perspectives seeking solutions having long-term impact on health care delivery.
- ◆ Use Foundation funds as seed money to leverage other funds, build coalitions, establish strategic partnerships and alliances, and advance initiatives that bring people together to solve health care problems.
- ◆ Educate health care consumers and/or providers so as to make a positive impact on community health.
- ◆ Provide community-based health related services.
- ◆ Enhance outcomes at reduced costs.
- ◆ Examine ways to insure that all populations served by Red Cedar Medical Center – Mayo Health System receive quality care and attention.