

Hinman Park Storybook Garden

*2026 Women's Giving Circle - Competitive
Grant Cycle*

Glenwood City Public Library

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Application Form

Instructions

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the grant application by responding to the fields below. Note that any fields with an asterisk are required fields and must be completed prior to submitting an application.

As you complete the form, the system will auto-save every 100 characters typed or every time you click out of a field. You may collapse question groups as you go, as an indicator to yourself that you've completed that section and to reduce scrolling.

The system also allows you to Save an application and come back to it before submitting. There is also a Collaborator feature that allows applicants to work together on a single request. https://docs.google.com/document/d/15NsdFgi3lBmBu0_pp1zj2HZ51l4mx8Wryjrx4FYOmdg/edit?usp=sharing Contact the Community Foundation at (715) 232-8019 if you have any questions or problems with the form.

Request Overview

Project Title*

Please provide a descriptive Name/Title for this grant request.

Hinman Park Storybook Garden

Amount Requested*

Typical grant amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000 or more.

\$3,000.00

Program Area*

Please check the program area that best categorizes this grant request.

Youth

Geographic Area Served*

Please select which geographic area is primarily being served by this request.

Dunn and surrounding county/counties

Age Group Served*

Please select the specific age group served by this grant request.

All ages

Income Level Served*

Please select the income level of the target population being served by this request.

All income levels

Non Discrimination Policy*

In accordance with federal regulations, the Community Foundation of Dunn County does not discriminate based on race, color, creed, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status or national origin. Do the applicant organization's employment and service practices comply with this policy?

Yes

About Your Organization

1. Organization Overview*

Please provide a brief background about your organization, including a short summary of the organization's history, mission, goals, accomplishments, and challenges.

The Friends of the Glenwood City Public Library was established in 2015 to promote and support the local library by raising funds for programs, equipment, and supplies. Additionally, the members of the Friends group actively volunteer at various events and programs, further contributing to the library's mission. The Glenwood City Public Library was established in 1900 when a board of library commissioners was appointed to oversee 300 books. Today we have over 10,000 physical items in the collection for check out. The Glenwood City Public Library continues its role today as an essential and dynamic community organization. Providing old-fashioned service with a personal touch, the library offers state-of-the-art technologies to meet information needs along with a friendly, cozy gathering space for learning and recreation.

Our past accomplishments include:

1. Received grants for Large Print material
2. Received 3 grants totaling \$50,000 for equipment, supplies, programming
3. Partnered up with Library and Glen Hills Lions to bring in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
4. Help support performers for Summer Reading.
5. Volunteer and support the Christmas on Oak St. and the Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash.
6. Volunteer and support National Night Out, by donating a Dunk Tank, and providing crafts.

2. Current Initiatives*

Please describe your current programs, activities, community impact and the community's involvement or support of your organization.

Recent Activities of our organization:

1. We put on a Pie and Ice Cream Social to raise money for programs at the library.
2. We support the Library's Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash.
3. We joined the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library as an affiliate.
4. We put on a Spaghetti Dinner to promote and raise money for the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.
5. We help support the Library with their community Christmas On Oak St.
6. We received a grant for \$20,000 for new shelving and programming.
7. We Continually write grants for programming, library supplies, and to add to the libraries collection.

3. Organizational Structure*

Describe the current structure of your organization, including how the organization functions on a daily basis. (CEO, staff, volunteers, etc.)

We are a small non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the library. Our board convenes monthly and is comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three at-large members. The Library Director often seeks our assistance for various events, and we collectively strive to contribute our time to these activities. Additionally, we actively work to recruit new members to enhance our organization.

About the Grant

What is the community need that this request addresses?

A member of the Friends group recently discovered a Storybook Garden in Land O' Lakes, WI, and was inspired by the concept. This individual presented the idea to the Library Director and the Emerald Bellringers 4-H group, both of whom expressed enthusiasm for the project as a valuable addition to the park.

The Glenwood City area is characterized by low-income families who often struggle to afford books, making such resources a low priority. The Storybook Garden initiative will enable both organizations to provide copies of each featured book for a designated period, allowing families access to an actual book at each story site for reading.

In an age where many children are increasingly captivated by electronic devices, the Storybook Garden offers a unique opportunity for them to engage with literature. It invites children to read stories alongside friends, parents, guardians, and grandparents, fostering imagination and creativity through interactive elements that encourage them to act out the narratives.

Project Goals and Activities*

Describe the specific goals and activities of your project and how they will be carried out or accomplished.

The Storybook Garden represents a collaborative effort between the Glenwood City Public Library and the Emerald Bellringers 4-H Club. This outdoor initiative seeks to strengthen family connections through shared

reading experiences and outdoor play, promoting imagination and education while offering a welcome alternative to electronic devices.

The Storybook Garden features a carefully curated selection of beloved children's literature, including *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, *Barnyard Dance!*, and *The Berenstain Bears' Dinosaur Dig*, each represented in uniquely themed sections. For example, the area dedicated to *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* will include a charming greenhouse, a clothesline adorned with miniature garments, a small table with tree stump chairs, a raised garden filled with vegetables, and a Free Little Library stocked with copies of the book for visitors to read on-site, as well as additional copies for families to take home. Our objective for this project is to inspire children to develop a passion for reading, strengthen their relationships with parents and guardians, and encourage imaginative play using the themed elements provided in each section.

Project Outcomes*

Describe the anticipated outcomes resulting from this grant project, its impact and how the community will be better served.

The desired outcomes we aim to achieve include an enhancement in reading skills, the strengthening of family bonds, and the introduction of children to the joy of reading by engaging them in a dynamic storytelling experience.

Sustainability*

Please describe how you will fund and continue to sustain these activities beyond the grant period.

Once the project is established, the primary expense will involve purchasing copies of the book for each storytelling site annually. The Emerald Bellringers, the Friends of the Library, and the Library will utilize donations, volunteer hours, and the programming budget to cover the costs of the books and their maintenance. Additionally, the leader of the 4-H group indicated that each member is required to contribute a specified number of volunteer hours each year.

The 4-H members have generously volunteered to assist in securing donations, including mulch, cement blocks, and tires. Additionally, they are eager to contribute their skills in painting and woodworking to aid in the construction and subsequent maintenance of the sites.

Staff - Project Summary*

Grant Project Budget

Anticipated Project Income*

Please list out all anticipated sources of income for this specific grant project with amounts and whether the funding is approved or pending.

Ex: Dunn Energy Cooperative: \$1,000 - Approved

Mayo Community Grant: \$9,999 - Pending

Bellringers: \$2,000 - Approved

Friends of the Library - \$1,000 Approved

Total Project Expenses*

What are the total expenses for this particular grant project? This may be more than your grant request amount and helps us to understand if the Foundation is funding a portion of the project or the full cost of the project.

\$13,000.00

Project Expenses Description*

Please itemize the expenses for this grant project, including a short description of each item and the anticipated cost. (Personnel, Materials and Supplies, etc.) If this grant is to cover a portion of the project, please list all expenses of the project and then specify which expenses you anticipate being supported by this CFDC grant.

100 books - \$480
4 library book houses - \$420
6 bouncy animals - \$420
Tonka Equipment - \$600
Artificial Vegetables - \$150
Raised Garden - \$75
Wood - \$2000
Pedal Tractor - \$500
post/poles - \$600
Fence - \$300
Playhouse - \$500
Chairs - \$200
Green Carpet - \$200
Dirt - \$500
Sand - \$200
Fossil Dinosaur Skeleton - \$150
Pails, Shovel, Paint Brushes - \$100
Tires no Rims - \$1000
Signage - \$2155
Flowers - \$150
Fire Pit - \$100
Outdoor Kids table and Chairs - \$200
Outdoor Security camera's & Storage - \$2000

We would use this grant to help pay for the wood to build some of the buildings, Signage, and some of the smaller items.

Project Budget Upload

(Optional) You may upload a separate file of your own, representing this grant request's Project Budget. For help creating the document, you can click [here](#) to download our Grant Project Budget template.

Letter of Support

(Optional) Letters of Support are optional, unless another organization or individual is integral to the purchase or use of the program and/or is a fiscal sponsor. Then it is required.

Additional Supporting Documents

(Optional) You may upload additional supporting documents to your request. If this grant request is to purchase a specific item or equipment, please upload a financial quote or spec sheet about the item here.

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Staff - Project Budget Summary*

Brief sentence about how the grant budget is broken down by item.

Required Organization Financials

Current Board of Directors*

Please upload a list of your current Board of Directors.

2026 Friends Board.pdf

Organizational Budget*

Please upload your organization's most recent Operating Budget with projected revenues and expenses.

FOL_Acct_ListApril2026.pdf

Audited Financials

Please upload a copy of your organization's current Audited Financial Statement. If you are not required to prepare an audited financial statement, please skip this upload and see the Audit Upload Opt-Out.

Audit Upload Opt-Out

Under Wis. Stat. § 202.12| a charitable organization with annual contributions over \$500,000 must file an audited financial statement and include the opinion of an independent CPA. A charitable organization with annual contributions less than \$500,000 and over \$300,000 must file a financial statement reviewed by an independent CPA. If you do not upload an audit or financial statement, please verify that your organization is not required to based on this state statute.

Our organization is not required to file an audited financial statement

Proof of 990 Filing*

Please upload proof of current IRS 990 Filing. You may upload the first page only; the full 990 document is not required.

2025 990 N.pdf

Authorization

Applicant Agreement*

As the applicant submitting this request on behalf of the organization, you certify that:

- The information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge.
- Falsification of information will result in termination of any award granted.
- You have discussed this project and grant request with the necessary authorized representatives at your organization. They support this request and the proposed allocation of funding.

If awarded a grant, the organization will:

- Carry out the activities and expend grant funds as described in the proposal, to the best of their ability.
- Submit significant changes in the scope or budget of the project to the Foundation for approval.
- Complete and submit written reports as required no later than 12 months from the date the grant is awarded.
- Acknowledge the role of the Community Foundation of Dunn County in supporting the organization in communications with their board and the public.
- Provide copies of all publicity, press releases or promotional materials. If available, provide photos in digital format.

I agree

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- 2026 Friends Board.pdf
- FOL_Acct_ListApril2026.pdf
- 2025 990 N.pdf

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2026

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Account List

Banking

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Account Name	Current Balance	Ending Balance
Spending		
FOL Checking	9,491.57	9,491.57
FOL Bldg Fund Checking	19,672.08	19,672.08
Bldg_Fund_CD	20,000.00	20,000.00
Dollywood_Fnd_Chk_3-30-23	3,434.66	3,248.39
Rosencranz LrgPrnt_CD's	169.02	169.02
Summer_Reading 2024	0.00	0.00
ESEC Serves Grant 2024	-2.43	-2.43
SummerRdg2025	760.00	760.00
Gust_Account	2,466.06	2,466.06
Gust CD	45,000.00	45,000.00
AnnMarie Non-fiction	364.01	364.01
Marie Foundation Grant	0.00	0.00
SCEC 1-2024	0.00	0.00
SCEC_11-22	0.00	0.00
EauClaireBusinessInteriors	0.00	0.00
JazzBand	0.00	0.00
VistingAuthor Krueger	0.00	0.00
SummerReadingProg 2022	0.00	0.00
WineTst11_19	0.00	0.00
SCEC11-21	0.00	0.00
SCCEC11-20	0.00	0.00
ThriventGrant for WineTasing	0.00	0.00
SCCEC6-19	0.00	0.00
SCCEC1-18	0.00	0.00
SCCEC6-18	0.00	0.00
Chamber Dollars	0.00	0.00
Lib Cash Bag	0.00	0.00
Thrivent Grant Aug'20	0.00	0.00
Savings		
GC LibrBldgFund	0.00	0.00
Credit		
Public Relations	200.00	200.00

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

for Tax-Exempt Organization not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ

2025

Open to Public Inspection

For the 2025 Calendar year, or tax year beginning 2025-01-01 and ending 2025-12-31

B Check if available☐ Terminated for Business☒ Gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less**C** Name of Organization: FRIENDS OF THE GLENWOOD CITY
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WI, US, 54013**D** Employee Identification
Number 46-5638493**E** Website:<http://glenwoodcitylibrary.org>**F** Name of Principal Officer: Julian BenderPO BOX 302, Glenwood City,
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