



OPEN GRANTS APPLICATION

Open Grants applications will open for submission starting Monday, August 3, 2026.

Deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 11:59 PM.

Eligibility Criteria



- * Grant funds must be for charitable philanthropic purposes that agree with the Foundation's mission
- * Recipients must be a 501(c)3 organization or a governmental agency
- * Projects must be located within Scott County or the surrounding area, or must primarily benefit Scott County
- * A maximum of \$10,000 will be awarded per project
- * Capital campaigns, endowment programs, and political projects are not eligible for funding
- * Grant funds may not be used to eliminate operating deficits or to retire debt
- * Organizations that practice discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, age, or national origin are not eligible for funding

Evaluation Criteria

Projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- * The most good achieved for the greatest number of people
- * Long range, lasting effects versus immediate or temporary needs
- * Addressing a clear, identifiable need
- * Creativity
- * Operational strength of the application organization, including project leadership and assurance for project completion
- * Ranking when compared to other applications received during funding cycle

SECTION 1: General Information



Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Project Title: _____

Field of Interest (Pick One):

- Cultural Arts Education Health Care Historical Recreation Other

SECTION 2: Financial Information

Time period of your project: From: _____ To: _____

Date when funds will be needed (grants awarded October 2026): _____

Total project cost \$ _____ SCF grant requested \$ _____

Total grant requests frequently exceed the amount of available funding. Are you willing to accept a grant less than the requested amount? Yes No

If yes, is there a minimum grant amount acceptable for the project to proceed? \$ _____

SECTION 3: Request for Funds



Using no more than two, 8.5 x 11 single-sided sheets of paper, please tell us about your proposal. Be sure to include the following, and label the information by letter in your narrative:

- * The mission or purpose of your organization or group
- * A definition of the need, including how the need has been determined
- * The targeted population
- * Description of the project
- * Your expected result
- * Your timetable and process for achieving results
- * Other funding sources
- * How you will evaluate the success of your proposal

Attach a complete project budget and a list of board members (not part of the 2-page limit).

Attach a letter of support from your board that includes approval of the project.

Attach a copy of your IRS 501(c)3 determination letter or evidence of public entity status.

SECTION 4: Submit

Submit your complete application with the required attachments by August 27, 2026:

- * a digital version emailed to mariah@scottcf.org
OR
- * a printed copy to the SCF office at 424 Main St, Scott City, KS 67871

**Questions? Call the Scott Community Foundation at 620-872-3790,
or email mariah@scottcf.org**