



FUTURE FUND GRANT GUIDELINES

The Community Foundation of Jo Daviess County (CFJC) welcomes proposals for projects that benefit a broad spectrum of the community in Jo Daviess County and create future opportunity in the county by addressing a current significant gap/need or by creating new opportunity.

We look for projects which include one or more of the following in Jo Daviess County

- Create broad impact which can include criteria like impact on number of people, diverse groups of people, size of geographic area impacted, more than one area in Jo Daviess County impacted and longevity of impact
- Present innovative, creative, and practical proposals which promote or enhance growth & sustainability, and has a plan for sustainability beyond the funding period
- Present clear work plans which show how the applicant will get from where they are today to how they will achieve the project's goal
- Create efficiencies by connecting resources and by collaboration among different stakeholders
- Develop leadership potential within the community
- Involve the people served by the project, in the planning and implementation of the program
- At least one additional source of funding in addition to the CFJC grant applied for
- Demonstrate quality, vision, effectiveness, collaboration, and good management.

What we will consider for funding:	What we will not consider for funding:
• family economic security • education • community development including initiatives for affordable housing & addressing food insecurity	• capital campaigns – such as buying, building, upgrading or repairing equipment, buildings or infrastructure in or outside of a building • operating expenses • programs not providing services • religious or political activities

Only these applicants may apply:

- Nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations, churches, schools or government organizations that provide services within Jo Daviess County
- Organizations who do not have a 501(c)3 status may find a qualifying agency to sponsor them. A Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement must be attached to the application.

Who may not apply:

- Individual applicants
- Political, labor, fraternal or service organizations

Requirements to apply:

- Applicants must provide
 - proof of IRS 501(c)3 status
 - nonprofit entity organization document (for example, Illinois nonprofit Articles of Incorporation)
- Applicant must operate in compliance with applicable laws prohibiting discrimination
- Applicant must respond to follow up questions by a CFJC Board member and provide any additional materials if requested prior to review by the CFJC Board
- Fiscal Sponsor information & 501(c)3 status (ONLY IF APPLICABLE)

Some of the requirements to receive funds if grant application approved:

- Authorized person from applicant must sign CFJC Terms of Grant Agreement
- Applicant must complete a grant report as requested by CFJC; CFJC will provide the format.
- If not all funds used for the specific purpose in the grant approval from the CFJC Board, any remaining funds must be returned to CFJC

Submit your BOLD and NEW ideas that can impact the future of our County.