



YOUTH FUND GRANT MAKING GUIDELINES

The Community Foundation of Jo Daviess County welcomes proposals for projects that benefit ensure children and youth are healthy, ready to learn, succeeding in school, and empowered to contribute to the growth and vitality of our communities in Jo Daviess County.

We look for projects which

- Create broad impact
- Present innovative, create, and practical proposals which build on community strengths
- Present clear work plans which show the ability to achieve the projects' goal
- Encourage cooperation and create efficiencies
- Develop leadership potential of the community
- Involve the people served in the planning and implementation of the program
- Demonstrate quality, vision, effectiveness, collaboration, and good management
- Provide a plan for sustainability beyond the funding period

Eligibility

- 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.

Requirements

- Located in Jo Daviess County or directly serving youth in Jo Daviess County
- Organizations must be operated and organized in compliance with applicable laws prohibiting discrimination
- Organizations must provide a cash match. Include a letter describing the cash match and what percentage of the project is supported by the match from their Board of Directors. Matching funds must be identified

What we do not fund

- Recurring, annual project or capital support
- Budget deficit
- Individuals

Areas of Funding

The Fund for Jo Daviess County supports ideas that projects that benefit children by ensuring:

- children and youth are healthy,
- ready to learn, succeeding in school, and
- empowered to contribute to the growth and vitality of our communities in Jo Daviess County.

Application Criteria

Be sure to make it clear how your project meets the following criteria:

- A.** This project will create a positive impact in the County for youth
- B.** This project impacts young people in need
- C.** This project has clear partnerships that will support success
- D.** This project aligns with Community Foundation work/priorities above
- E.** The grant amount will be a meaningful part of the project budget