



The Crawford Heritage Community Foundation is pleased to invite local organizations to apply for grants from our discretionary grantmaking funds.

After more than 25 years of growth, we are ready to invest in the community in a more deliberate and impactful way. The foundation will now offer one round of grantmaking. Previous rounds of applications have demonstrated greater needs from community partners. We will begin funding more impactful programs and projects that incorporate community collaboration and alleviating root causes of issues. We will still offer some mini-grants (less than \$5,000). However, projects seeking between \$5,000 and \$25,000 will be our priority.

Proposed projects should meet priorities listed in the guidelines document. However, they do not need to be brand new. We will accept applications for ongoing activities, as long as the need for funding can be demonstrated.

As we forge ahead into ever-changing funding landscapes, we hope to remain as a steadfast supporter of local efforts to make Crawford County a better place where everyone has the chance to flourish.



Grant Guidelines

General Information about our grants

Purpose

We recognize that community life can be improved and enhanced in a variety of ways. With that recognition, we support projects/programs that improve the quality of life in Crawford County, PA in such areas as:

- Agricultural, horticultural, environmental protection and/or beautification
- Arts and culture
- Meeting health, welfare and wellbeing needs of vulnerable populations
- Benevolent, charitable and/or civic pursuits
- Community development
- Education and/or literacy
- Health and/or safety

Eligibility

We accept grant applications from:

- Tax-exempt nonprofit entities
- Governmental bodies
- Municipalities
- Schools

We **DO NOT** accept grant applications for:

- Sponsorships or events
- Annual campaigns or endowments
- Routine operating expenses
- Political purposes
- Loans

Faith- Based Organizations

We make grants to faith-based and religious programs only to organizations in the Titusville-area from the *Albert L. Carlson Fund*. We do not have a source of funding for these types of programs in the rest of Crawford County.

Grants from our other funds are only made to faith-based and religious organizations which serve broad and non-sectarian purposes, regardless of the faith of those they serve. Examples include: churches, synagogues, or other religious organizations that have food or clothing pantries for the poor or support work among the poor; hospitals or colleges serving broad areas such as health care and education. We are public and non-sectarian in our structure and governance and primarily support organizations that are not affiliated with a particular religious faith or denomination.

Our Funding Priorities

The Foundation will give preference to proposals which:

- Incorporate preventive and/or curative approaches to addressing significant community problems
- Produce programs or projects that are deliberate and impactful
- Employ evidenced-based practices
- Have identifiable and measurable impact upon our community
- Promote and utilize cooperation among existing agencies
- Avoid program duplication within their service area
- Improve upon the effectiveness and capacity of existing organizations
- Have multiple funding sources and can leverage other financial sources
- Utilize volunteers effectively

Application and Review Process

We offer one round of grant funding per year. Deadline for grant review is **March 15th**.

Please submit applications well before funding is needed. Requests to fund completed programs, or programs that will be complete by the award date, will not be considered.

Our Grants Committee, composed of experienced community volunteers, will conduct thorough evaluations of completed grant applications, including telephone interviews or on-site visits, as appropriate. Applicants should be aware that the Grants Committee may consult with other funders and community leaders when considering various grant applications. The Grants Committee will make grant recommendations to the Board of Directors for their final approval. Grant awards will be announced in early May.

Should you feel that your project or organization meets the requirements outlined, complete and submit the Foundation's discretionary grant application linked on our website.

Project Completion and Reporting

Grant recipients should be prepared to expend their grant within one year of award. A report on the use of the funds is due one year after award, and should be completed online. The link is accessible on our website.

Our Grantmaking Funds

Grants are made from two types of funds: restricted and unrestricted. A project may receive funding from more than one fund. With just one online application, organizations will be considered for grants from all funds for which they are eligible.

Our restricted funds support specific areas of interest:

Marian and Vincent Barsch Fund: specifically for the preservation of local cemeteries.

Bernadene R. and John B. Cooley Fund: benefits programs for children and youth.

Tom, Becky and Geoff Hall Fund: benefits the performing arts and/or arts programming, animal rescue organizations, and/or purchase of physical books for libraries.

Wayne A. and Jessie B. Stainbrook Fund: for agricultural, environmental, and conservation programs and projects, as well as youth education in those areas.

Literacy Council Endowment Fund: for adult and family literacy.

William Mong Memorial Fund: benefits programs that assist any people suffering from any respiratory disease.

Raymond Philip Shafer Foundation: the primary focus is educating young people about their rights and obligations as citizens, including knowledge of public policy, voter registration, and consideration of public service as a career. Grants are awarded to organizations promoting nonpartisan political participation.

Richard H. and Nancy C. Zinn Fund: supports local performing arts and/or arts programming

Titusville Fund: for projects in Titusville, PA

Albert L. Carlson Fund: for faith-based and religious programs in the Titusville area.

Fred Lintner Fund: supports grantmaking in Titusville, PA.

Our unrestricted funds support projects throughout Crawford County with no specific focus:

Crawford Impact Program

Estimated Grant Funding Available 2025

In total, approximately \$97,885 is available for 2025. As stated above, applications will be considered for all sources of funding for which they are available (ie. a youth program will be considered for Cooley funds as well as unrestricted).

Crawford Impact Program:

Large Projects: Approximately \$48,000 available for large projects between \$5,000 and \$25,000

Small Projects: Approximately \$12,000 available for projects up to \$5,000

Restricted Grantmaking Funds:

Carlson Fund	\$8,288.78
Zinn Fund	\$2,146.88
Stainbrook Fund	\$5,912.08
Lintner Fund	\$10,098.28
Cooley Fund	\$5,287.23
Barsch Fund	\$4,345.65
Literacy Endowment	\$594.43
Titusville Fund	\$901.11