



**ROCHELLE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GRANT POLICIES & PROCEDURES
Grant Year 2019**

Community Needs Grants

Community Needs Grants are awarded annually, on a competitive basis to non-profit agencies, organizations or governmental entities that are exempt from state and federal tax and serve the needs of individuals residing in the Rochelle Township High School District.

Focus areas include arts and culture, education, health & wellness, social services, community development and hunger relief.

Preference will be given to grant applications that:

- Respond to current, emerging, and/or increasing needs.
- Encourage and enhance cooperation and collaboration among organizations.
- Strengthen volunteer participation and citizen involvement in community concerns.
- Projects that have not been previously funded in the past 3 years.

Each Grant Request will be evaluated based on the following:

- Potential impact of the request and the number of people who will benefit.
- Identification of a clear need.
- Capacity of the organization or individual to carry out the Grant Request.
- Degree to which the request works with or complements other community organizations.
- Ability of the applicant to obtain additional funding that may be needed to complete the project.
- Ability to provide ongoing funding once the grant is expired.

The Rochelle Area Community Foundation does NOT generally fund:

- Annual fund drives, capital campaigns, or general solicitation requests.
- Financial operating shortfalls or debt retirement.
- Individuals and for-profit entities.

Grant Summary / Progress Report for Previous Grant Awards: (Required)

All previous recipients of Rochelle Area Community Foundation Grant Awards **"MUST"** submit a **Grant Summary/Progress Report** by January 31, 2019, or future grant applications will not be considered.

2019 Community Needs Grant applicants: RACF has implemented an automated grants management system. The application will be available beginning February 1st and close March 1, 2019. Visit www.rochellefoundation.org and go to the Grant Seekers Tab to apply.

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by mid-April.

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