



COMMUNITY GRANTS GUIDELINES

Grant Year 2021

Community Needs Grants are awarded annually, on a competitive basis to qualified 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 but are not limited to arts and culture, education, health & wellness, social services, community development, the environment and hunger relief.

Qualified applicants may seek funding for:

- Projects or programs that respond to current, emerging and/or increasing needs in the community.
- General funding related to lost income to the organization due to the impacts of COVID-19.
- Funding assistance that will support individuals and families whose financial situations have been affected by COVID-19.

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 or programs 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.
- Individuals and for-profit entities.

Grant Interim or Final Report for Previous Grant Awards:

- Successful recipients of Rochelle Area Community Foundation Grant Awards are required to submit follow up reports according to the dates assigned upon approval of the grant award.
- Recipients who do not complete the follow up reports by due date will not be eligible to apply for a minimum of one year hence.

Application will be available beginning February 15, 2021 and close March 15, 2021. Visit www.rochellefoundation.org and go to the Grant Seekers Tab to apply.

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions in April of 2021.

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