

# 2024 Grantmaking Guidelines

## Capital Region Community Foundation

### What We Believe

In our grantmaking, we work with partners whose programming, leadership, staffing, and volunteers reflect the diversity of the people they serve. Like the Community Foundation, our partners should authentically work to maximize access to services and achieve equitable practices for all people regardless of ethnicity, race, age, gender, identity/expression, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, marital status, income status and or philosophy/religion.

### Who's Eligible for a Grant?

- Applicants must *predominantly* serve residents of **Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties, Michigan**.
- Must have or partner with a 501(c)(3). Municipalities may also apply.
- If required, must have a Michigan Charitable License to Solicit. If you do not have a license, please review the requirements at [Charitable Trust \(michigan.gov\)](https://charitabletrust.michigan.gov) or call us to discuss.
- We are unable to fund the following: individuals, international organizations, sectarian or religious programs, endowment funds, existing obligations, debts or expenses incurred before the grant approval date.

### Grant Categories

The Community Foundation has four types of grants – Youth, Mini, Capacity Building, and Impact. The Foundation accepts applications from all eligible entities. However, we strongly encourage requests from small and mid-size nonprofits who are making a difference in underserved and/or diverse communities. You may apply in more than one grant category per year, but just one application per category, please!



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### Application Period:

#### Youth Grants & Mini-Grants:

Dec 8, 2023 – Feb 8, 2024

#### Capacity Building Grants:

Dec 8, 2023 – Feb 14, 2024

#### Impact Grants:

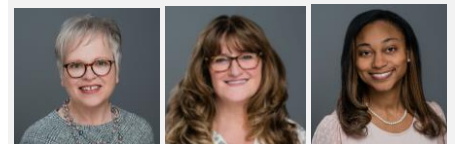
##### • Preliminary Application:

Opens April 10 (check your email for details in early April)

##### • Final Application (if invited):

Due July 25, 2024 with final decisions in mid-September

### Your Community Investment Staff Team:



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## Capacity Building Grants

**Application period: Dec 8, 2023 – Feb 14, 2024; final decision mid-March**

Capacity Building grants help an organization increase its sustainability and effectiveness by strengthening its internal systems. Capacity Building strengthens an organization so it can grow its impact and accomplish its mission. The Foundation does this by partnering with our Capacity Building grantees and other experts in organizational management. To learn more about our Capacity Building work click [HERE](#).

### **Important to Know**

**The first step in applying for a Capacity Building grant is a phone consultation with the Foundation.** You can schedule your consultation before February 7, by contacting Cindy Hales, Vice President of Community Investment at 517-664-9851 or [chales@ourcommunity.org](mailto:chales@ourcommunity.org).

## Youth Grants

**Application period: Dec 8, 2023 – Feb 8, 2024; final decisions mid-May**

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a group of high school students from across the tri-county capital region. The YAC makes grants of up to \$5,000 from the Youth Endowment Fund to support programs that help teens age 12-18 in Clinton, Eaton or Ingham counties. For more details about YAC grants, click [HERE](#).

### **Important to Know**

The Youth Advisory Council is especially interested in proposals that provide teens with skills to handle their most pressing issues.

Submit a video to really capture the attention of our youth grant-makers!

## Mini-Grants

**Application period: Dec 8, 2023 – Feb 8, 2024; decisions made throughout the year**

Mini-grants are for organizations with an annual operating budgets of less than \$200,000.

### **Important to Know**

Requests may be for support for programming, projects, or general operations. Event or festival sponsorships and other time-sensitive programs or projects are not eligible for a mini-grant.

A summary of your request will be included in a catalog which is presented to Community Foundation fundholders and donors for funding consideration. For more information on Mini Grants, click [HERE](#).

## **Capacity Work**

**Includes but is not limited to:**

Board Development  
Fundraising Planning  
Governance Models  
Executive Leadership Training  
Long-Range Planning  
Succession Planning  
Staff Training and Development  
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training

## **Most Pressing Youth Issues in 2024**

Teen Mental Wellness  
(anxiety, depression, stress)  
Violence  
Substance Abuse



## Impact Grants

Impact Grants requests can range from \$10,000 to \$75,000. Impact grants are meant to increase the long-term impact of an organization or program, increase the organization's ability to reach under-served populations, or enable two or more nonprofits to work collaboratively to create transformative and sustainable community change.

### Important to Know

Information about the 2024 Impact Grant cycle will be sent out in early April. The application portal will open on April 10. If you would like to learn more about Community Foundation Impact grants now, please click [HERE](#).

## Placemaking Sponsorships

As part of its strategic direction, the Community Foundation is committed to creating a vibrant Michigan Avenue corridor. To complement its capital projects, a limited number of sponsorships are now available for community festivals, events, or other projects that activate the Michigan Avenue corridor between the Capitol and US-127, or the downtown Lansing riverfront.

Eligible requests must:

- take place within the geographic boundaries described above
- be viable and sustainable
- help to create a vibrant community
- have strong support from other community partners
- be attractive to a diverse audience

*Only applications for events, festivals, or projects within the geographic boundaries defined above will be considered. The Community Foundation cannot sponsor nonprofit fundraising events, rather, sponsorships are intended for events, festivals, or projects that benefit the greater community.*

To learn more about our limited Placemaking Sponsorships, please click [HERE](#).

***The mission of the Capital Region Community Foundation is to lead philanthropic solutions that build vibrant communities in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties.***

## Impact Grant Timeline 2024

### **Preliminary Application Period:**

April 10 – May 15, 2024 (All applicants notified by June 21)

The Impact Grant Committee reviews the preliminary applications and decides which will be invited to submit a full grant application.

### **Final Impact Application Period:**

June 21 – July 25, 2024 (All final applicants notified by September in mid-September)

