



COMMUNITY  
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GRAND RAPIDS AREA

# Annual Grant Cycle FAQs

**Grant applications are submitted by program, not organization.**

**Each program for which you are requesting money should have a separate application.**

**Q: I cannot find the grant application on your website. Where is the application?**

A: The application is located online at our Grant Portal. From the Grants and Getting Help Tab or the Annual Grant Cycle page of the website, click on “Enter the Grant Portal” or “Apply through the Grant Portal”. How to Videos are located on the Annual Grant Cycle page as well.

**Q: I cannot get into the Grant Portal. How do I get in the Grant Portal?**

A: Please watch the “How to Videos” on the Annual Grant Cycle page of the Grants and Getting help tab of the Community Foundation website.

**Q: May I apply for more than one grant?**

A: Since our process is by program, and not by organization, you can apply for more than one grant. You should submit a separate application for each program for which you are requesting a grant.

**Q: If I have an old draft grant application, can I update and submit that application?**

A: If you have completed and submitted a “General Grant Application” (labeled any date other than 2019), you will need to resubmit a new application.

**Q: In the past, I requested a grant from the Fund for Women. Where is the list of the Funds that are providing grants?**

A: Since the Community Foundation has a diverse and varied combination of granting possibilities, we no longer provide a list of specific funds or amounts. The Community Foundation is interested in finding out community need first, and then identifying solutions to meet that need. You submit the application, and we will try to find the money.

**Q: How much money is available in the Annual Grant Cycle?**

A: Just as above with varied fund criteria possibilities, the specific available granting amounts can vary and change. In general, the Community Foundation will attempt to provide high impact, low dollar grants. The most successful grant requests are for amounts of less than \$1,000. Feel free to read the current Annual Report from the Community Foundation for last year’s grants.

**Q: If I get a grant, when can I expect the money?**

A: Notification and grant disbursement is currently proposed for the mid-October – mid-November time frame.

**Q: Can I mail or drop off my application at the Community Foundation office?  
What is your email address?**

A: We only accept applications through our Grant Portal. When you click submit, we then have your application. If you want, you can print your own paper copy, but we only use the applications submitted through the Grant Portal.