



Opportunity Grants

Guidelines and Information

Opportunity Grants are intended to support urgent program needs and other time sensitive efforts where a small grant will impact a non-profit organization and the clients they serve.

- Requests of up to \$3,000
- Processed within 2 weeks
- Requests are accepted year round
- Grants are awarded year round while funds are available

Who May Apply?

Organizations classified as 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charities by the Internal Revenue Service are eligible for grants. Public entities such as schools, municipalities, and libraries may also qualify. Organizations must be located in or provide services for the benefit of Bartholomew County.

The applying organization must be current on all grant reports due to Heritage Fund.

Organizations are eligible to receive a maximum of \$3,000 per year through the Opportunity Grants Program.

Grants will not be made:

- To individuals
- For events, performances, seminars or trips unless there are special circumstances which will benefit the community
- For individual school needs, unless approved in writing by the school administration
- To faith based organizations unless the project in question is not religious in nature, is not restricted based on faith, and involves no faith based proselytizing.

Ineligible Requests

- Replacing a gradual loss of funding/declining donation income or lost government funding
- Providing interim funding while waiting for government reimbursement
- Addressing problems resulting from an organization's failure to adequately plan or exercise duty of care (Examples: failure to plan for maintenance costs or replacement costs of existing assets, failure to pay taxes, not anticipating construction contingency costs)

Who Reviews and Makes Decisions on Opportunity Grants?

Opportunity Grant requests are first reviewed by the Grants Manager. If the Grants Manager has questions or needs further clarification on the request, you may be contacted for additional information. Following the initial review, all requests will be forwarded to the Heritage Fund President and CEO and Chairperson of the Heritage Fund Grants Committee for final review and consideration.