

Our Grant Award Process: We encourage you to call our office and speak with the foundation staff about your project. Call Corinne Becknell Lucas, Program Officer, at 574.835.4101, or email corinne@nicf.org.

Types of Grants Available for Starke County Programs/Projects:

- **NICF Impact Grants:** For projects over \$25,000. The first part of the application process is to complete the Letter of Intent portion of the application. Applicants will be notified if they're approved to move forward with their proposal or if the project was denied. There is no deadline associated with these grants.
- **NICF Community Support Grants:** For projects needing several hundred to several thousand dollars. These grants are designed to be awarded to several organizations and provide support throughout the community. There is no deadline associated with these grants.
- **NICF Micro Grants:** NICF Micro Grants are for grant requests of \$2,000 and under. There is no deadline associated with these grants.
- **Starke County Education Grants:** Specifically for schools or teachers in the Knox, North Judson-San Pierre, and Oregon-Davis School systems. Awards are \$2,000.00 for each school system.
- **Starke County Community Wellness Grant:** For charitable public health organizations and programs that strengthen and improve community health for the people of Starke County. \$4,000.00 Deadline 10/4/2024.
- **The Hive:** Women's Giving Circle grants. There is a video application and a budget page with a May Deadline.

Starke County Granting Guidelines: The geographic area served is Starke County and the communities thereof.

Grant-making areas of interest are: Education; Health; Human Services; Arts & Culture; Environmental; Community Development; Recreation; Youth Development.

The community foundation favors activities that:

- Reach a broad segment of the community, especially those citizens whose needs are not being met by existing services that are normally expected to be provided by private rather than government sources
- Request seed money to realize innovative opportunities to meet needs within the community
- Stimulate and encourage additional funding
- Promote cooperation and avoid duplication of effort
- Help make a charitable organization more effective and efficient and better able to be self-sustaining
- One-time projects or needs

The community foundation places a lower priority on the following:

- Projects where Starke County Community Foundation is the sole funder
- Reduction of debt
- Grants to individuals
- Travel
- Attendance at conferences, seminars or other projects
- Programs that fall more appropriately under government funding, such as operating expenses for public schools and police or fire protection. *(schools should complete a Community Education Grant application)*

The foundation will not consider grants for:

- Religious organizations for the sole purpose of furthering that religion (this prohibition does not apply to funds created by donors who have specifically designated religious organizations as beneficiaries of the funds)*
- Political activities or those designated to influence legislation
- National organizations (unless the monies are to be used solely to benefit citizens of Starke County)
- Grants that directly benefit the donor or the donor's family
- Contributions to endowments.*

**These guidelines are for the competitive Community Support Grants.*