

2026 Q4 Mini Grant Application

La Crosse Community Foundation

Mini Grant Application

Mini grants are part of our historic competitive grants program to be responsive to the needs of nonprofit organizations serving La Crosse County. La Crosse Area Community Foundation has allocated **roughly \$260,000 this year** specifically for nonprofits seeking awards of \$1,000 - \$15,000 for result-oriented projects and programs that address a proven community need or priority aimed at making La Crosse County a better place now and for future generations. Preference will be given to applications that focus on building opportunities for community engagement and building of social capital across differences. For more information on LACF's commitment to building social capital in La Crosse County, [click here](#).

Application Timeline

Applications Open: October 6, 2026

Applications Due: November 2, 2026

Awards Announced: Week of December 21, 2026

Application Evaluation

The LACF grants committee, including the Foundation's Impact Director, will score competitive mini grant requests and send recommendations to the full board for ultimate approval. The rubric for scoring applications is can be found [here](#). The most competitive applications score a 3 or better in all rubric categories.

*NOTE: No paid staff members participate in the formal voting and recommendation process, only initial evaluation scoring.

**The Impact Specialist, who facilitates the committee, does not participate in evaluating grant applications. We highly encourage applicants to seek technical assistance from the Impact Specialist, as needed, to support putting your best grant application forward.

Grant Type*

Please select the type of grant you are applying for. You can select 'General Mini Grant' or one of the field-of-interest grant types. Funding requirements for the field-of-interest grants can be found on the RFP [here](#).

Choices

General Mini Grant

Castek Fund for Empowering Women

Coulee Region White Cane Club

Sue M. Quillin Fund

Harold E. Lemke Fund

June Kjome Justice & Peace Fund

Mary Grace Sieber Fund

Organization Name**Character Limit: 75***EIN or Fiscal Sponsorship*****Choices**

My organization has its own EIN.

My organization has a fiscal sponsor.

Project Name**Character Limit: 100***Project Summary***

In 3 sentences or less, provide a general summary of your project and the anticipated impact.

*Character Limit: 500***Total Requested Amount***

Awards may range from \$1,000 - \$15,000.

*Character Limit: 20***Partial Funding***

What is the minimum partial funding you can accept for this request? Please include a description (i.e. no partial funding accepted as we need the entirety to do the project or \$6,200 partial funding and we can complete phase 1).

*Character Limit: 500***Alignment***

What makes your organization the right organization to carry out this project or program? How does the project or program help fulfill your mission?

*Character Limit: 750***Community Need***

What is your organization's mission? What community need does this project or program help alleviate? Use data where applicable.

*Character Limit: 750***Social Capital Alignment***

Share how your project advances the social capital in our community. For more information about social capital, [click here](#).

*Character Limit: 750***Strategy and Program Design***

Describe the activities and capacity needs that will support the completion of this project.

Character Limit: 1500

Partners/Collaboration*

Who are the partners/collaborators for this project? (e.g. Nonprofit/charitable organizations, government agencies, school districts, etc.) How does collaboration happen within the scope of this project? How is the project mutually beneficial?

Character Limit: 750

Letters of Support*

Attach letters of support from partners/collaborators. Letters from applicant's board, staff, volunteers or vendors is not considered strong evidence of partnership/collaboration.

Maximum of 3 letters (must be combined into one file).

File Size Limit: 10 MB

Project Evaluation*

List your project goals and steps/milestones that will evaluate or determine success.

Character Limit: 1000

Project Budget*

You must use LACF's budget template. [Click here to download the budget template.](#)

Use this space to explain any items in the project budget that may need further explanation.

Character Limit: 1000 | File Size Limit: 10 MB

Sustainability*

What are the long-term strategies for funding this project or program at the end of the grant period?

Character Limit: 750

Organization EIN

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Please enter your organization's nine digit EIN (no dash).

Character Limit: 9

Fiscal Sponsorship Information

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Please include the appropriate information for your fiscal sponsorship.

	Sponsored Applicant ("the project")	Fiscal Sponsor
Organization Name		
Primary Contact Name		
Primary Contact Email		
Primary Contact Phone		
EIN		

Fiscal Sponsor Agreement*

Please upload your fiscal sponsorship agreement. If you do not have a current agreement, please use this [template](#).

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Impact Questions

La Crosse Area Community Foundation is embracing the Trust Based Philanthropy model and the data collected in this section will be used to guide future evolutions to meet nonprofit needs and will not be used against you in any capacity.

Which of these best describes the purpose of your project?*

Choices

New Strategy to meet community need
Improved Strategy to meet community need
Required Growth to meet community need
Existing Program Support

Service Area*

Please select which communities your organization serves.

Choices

Bangor/Rockland
Holmen

La Crosse
Onalaska
West Salem
La Crosse County only
Coulee Region (multiple counties)
Wisconsin
National
International

Which of these impact areas best describes your project, program, or organization?*

Please select those that most closely relate to your work. Select **no more than three (3)** impact areas. Definitions for each impact area can be found here.

Choices

Arts and Humanities
Community Improvement
Culture and Diversity
Education and Scholarships
Environment
Faith
Health and Human Services
Recreation and Wellness

Which Sustainable Development Goal(s) does your project support?

Please select all that apply. More information about Sustainable Development Goals can be found here.

Choices

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-Being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality
6. Clean Water and Sanitation
7. Affordable and Clean Energy
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
9. Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
12. Responsible Consumption and Production
13. Climate Action
14. Life Below Water
15. Life on Land
16. Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.
17. Partnerships for the Goals