



Polk County Community Development Grant Program

The Polk County Board of Supervisors is pleased to offer this unique funding opportunity to community service organizations throughout Polk County. The Polk County Community Development Grant Program was designed to provide grants for non-economic development requests. This grant funding is designed to enhance community service projects and the quality of life within Polk County.

Polk County Community Development Grants (CDG) are funded from profits received by Polk County from the operation of the Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino. These grants provide another opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to return gaming profits to our community. Unfortunately, due to the tremendous number of requests received and the uncertainty of gaming profits, it is impossible for the Board to approve every request.

Grants are awarded once per year and **organizations should not rely solely upon these funds for ongoing operational programs. Due to legal restrictions, Iowa Code § 331.901(5), organizations under ecclesiastical or sectarian management are not eligible for Polk County's grant funding.**

Community Development Grant Instructions

1. Applications may be submitted in the months of July and August.
2. Completed applications and supporting documentation must be submitted online to:

<https://communitygrants.polkcountyiowa.gov>

3. The Board of Supervisors will review all applications to determine awards. The application must identify a public purpose.
4. A site visit or meeting with the Grant Administrator may be required as a review for the Community Development Grant request.

5. Awards will be made directly to the non-profit unless otherwise identified in the agreement. All Community Development Grant recipients will be required to submit a final report by the date identified in the agreement. Receipts, invoices, and copies of payment methods will be required to reconcile the grant report. Polk County will not recognize cash payments, checks made to individuals or Venmo transactions.

The Grant Report Form can be accessed at the link below:

<https://communitygrants.polkcountyiowa.gov>

Thank you for your interest in the Polk County Community Development Grant Program. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Lisa Moody-Tunks, Grant Administrator at 515-286-2272 or Lisa.moody-tunks@polkcountyiowa.gov