



Polk County Community Betterment 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 Betterment Grant Program was designed to provide financial support to non-profit organizations that provide cultural, recreational, educational, and human needs services to our citizens. Polk County has a rich history of partnering with public and private entities to provide effective programs and services to our community. The Board of Supervisors applauds your efforts to improve the quality of life for our residents.

Polk County Community Betterment Grants (CBG) 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 needs. 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 Betterment Grant Instructions

1. Applications will be accepted one time per year between December 1st through February 28th.
2. Community Betterment Grant applications shall provide detailed information and describe a public purpose. The request may not exceed \$10,000.00.
3. Completed applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted online to:

<https://communitygrants.polkcountyiowa.gov>
4. The Board of Supervisors will review all applications between March 3rd through June 30th and determine awards.
5. Grant recipients must be up to date on all prior grant reporting before any new funding will be considered. The report must include pertinent information that demonstrates the accomplishment of the grant's stated purpose. Reports are due February 28th the following year until the grant proceeds have been exhausted or your project has been completed. The grant report must include invoices, receipts, and copies of payment methods to support Polk County grant expenditures. Polk County will not recognize cash payments, checks made out to individuals or Venmo transactions. Submit grant reports to:

<https://communitygrants.polkcountyiowa.gov>
6. All grant recipients must provide Polk County, Iowa with a completed copy of the Grant Reporting Form. The Board or Grant Administrator may request further documentation to support the expenditure of grant funds. The organization in receipt of grant funds has 14 days to comply with the request, or no additional funds will be allocated, unless authorized by the Board.

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