

# Grant Guidelines

Overton Area Community Fund

*An affiliated fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation*

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## Mission, Vision and Values

**OUR MISSION:** Inspiring investment in the Overton community by:

- stimulating a spirit of giving
- promoting sustainability through charitable donations and a permanent endowment which will be used to support strategic improvements
- encouraging community involvement, volunteer commitment, and leadership
- envisioning a better future with lasting legacies

**OUR VISION:** Overton is a proud community and a place for quality living. Citizens of all walks of life experience a sense of belonging. Our fun, family-centered community nurtures our youth and future leaders. Locally-owned businesses and a variety of recreational activities provide a welcoming atmosphere.

## OUR VALUES:

- Trust & Credibility: We act with credibility, professionalism and honesty.
- Integrity: We uphold the highest standards of integrity in all our actions.
- Dedication: We are dedicated to the community, its growth and have an overall passion for success.
- Collaboration: We encourage innovation to meet challenges and achieve collective goals within the community area.

## Application Dates

The Overton Area Community Fund reviews applications twice a year. Applications are continually available and must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the closing date for the cycle the application is to be considered.

## Application Deadlines

March 31  
September 30

## Grants Awarded

April  
October

## What We Fund

The Overton Area Community Fund restricts its support to 501(c)(3) organizations, government entities or other types of organizations using the funds for a charitable purpose. If your organization is not a 501(c)(3) or government organization, please contact us before you prepare your grant application so we can verify that the purpose for which you wish to use the funds is charitable.

We encourage grant requests for projects or programs that are consistent with our vision, mission and values and:

- Will have a broad impact on the quality of life for a significant number of people in our community
- Propose ways to address community issues and problems
- Leverage other sources of support
- Encourage others to get involved in addressing community needs
- Are creative in their approach to solving problems or capturing opportunities
- Are responsive to changing or emerging community needs
- Help develop community leadership
- Engage young people in the community
- Support innovative approaches to economic development
- Are sustainable over time

### **What We Don't Fund**

The Overton Area Community Fund does not make grants to individuals, for political purposes including lobbying or legislative activity, to retire indebtedness, for payment of interest or taxes or for regranteeing. We do not usually give priority to funding for:

- Operating or maintenance expenses
- Membership fees
- Banquet or luncheon expenses
- Ticket sales for charitable fund-raising expenses
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Travel expenses for groups such as school classes, clubs or sports teams

### **The Process**

You can submit your grant application in hard copy or by email. After we receive your completed application, our Grants Committee will review the applications. At that point, we may request more information from you. The Grants Committee will make recommendations for funding to the Fund Advisory Committee. We will notify you of our decision as soon as possible after the FAC meeting at which your application is considered.

If you receive a grant, you must submit a final report within 60 days after the completion of the project or program for which you received funding. Our grant reporting form is available from the contact person listed above.

### **Additional Information**

The Overton Area Community Fund accepts only one grant request per organization per grant period. We cannot guarantee that every proposal will be funded or you will receive the full amount you requested. Organizations that receive grants during a previous grant making cycle are not eligible for the upcoming grant cycle unless the funds have been expended AND the organization is requesting funds for a separate project. The final report is due before an additional grant will be funded.

Each grant request will be reviewed and evaluated on its own merit based only the contents of the application. For this reason, it is important to provide clear and complete responses to all information requested.