



Coweta Community Foundation

**DISCRETIONARY GRANT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
2021**



About The Coweta Community Foundation

Founded in 1997, The Coweta Community Foundation (CCF) was established to maintain the charitable intent of donors and to act as a catalyst to help focus local philanthropy on our community's changing needs. The Foundation manages funds that directly support a variety of community interests such as women's and children's issues, public safety, education, and the arts. The Foundation's mission is to enhance our community's quality of life by encouraging philanthropic interaction in Coweta County.

- The Foundation provides a catalyst to help focus local philanthropy on our community's changing needs.
- The Foundation manages individual gifts and bequests that enhance and support the quality of life in Coweta County.

Guided by its mission, the Foundation has the following goals:

- To be a catalyst for the establishment of endowments to benefit the community now and into the future
- To serve the varied interests and needs of donors
- To provide leadership and resources in identifying and meeting community needs
- To serve as a steward of funds
- To encourage collaboration among community organizations and agencies

The Coweta Community Foundation is delighted to be sending you notification of our long-term recovery round of discretionary grants. Guidelines and Applications are now available at our website www.cowetafoundation.org under the heading **Grants**. The Community Foundation encourages grant requests to support programs and those they serve in addition to operations. The Coweta Community Foundation only accepts grant applications through email submission (grant@cowetafoundation.org) in PDF format. Read the Application Instructions carefully BEFORE you attempt to complete and submit your application. Grants may generally be limited to \$5,000, but our Grants Committee reserves the right to make grants up to a maximum of \$25,000.

PLEASE NOTE: **The deadline to apply is December 10, 2021, at 5:00pm (EST)**

The Foundation has identified several broad categories in which needs exist and for which grant requests are encouraged:

Animal Welfare
Disaster Relief
Education
Fine Arts and Historical Preservation
Health & Human Services
Women & Children

Please read and follow the grant guidelines carefully. You may **SUBMIT only ONE grant application per organization**

We look forward to working with you now and in the coming months and years.

Eligibility

The Coweta Community Foundation will accept Discretionary Grant Applications for programs/projects/operations from:

- Nonprofit organizations legally chartered in Georgia and in possession of a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service declaring the organization a public charity that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3). *** Our staff will verify this with the state of Georgia, you do not need to attach***
- Nonprofit Organizations grant can only be used to assist individuals in Coweta County, Georgia impacted by the March 2021 Tornado.
- Organizations with programs/projects/operations scheduled to take place from **December 31, 2021 through May 30, 2022**.

Organizations ineligible to apply:

- Nonprofits that have been in operation for two years or less. **However, if your organization fits the description above and received a grant prior to the 2021 grant cycles, you are eligible to reapply.**
- Nonprofit organizations not serving individuals in Coweta County
- Private/Family Foundations
- Grantmaking Organizations (Funds from The Coweta Community Foundation cannot be used to re-grant to another organization.)

The Foundation is particularly interested in transformation, collaboration, program impact and for this grant cycle only those directly impacted by the March 2021 Tornado.

Budget

Include an itemized budget with as many clear costs as possible. Please have a column for cost the grant will pay for if you are also contributing to the program.

Selection Criteria

During the review process, we will focus on the following areas, which are considered as pivotal to the success of the program + your organization's partnership with CCF.

- Understanding of program goals as demonstrated in the proposal
- Experience with the program
- Budget
- Collaboration with other organizations or agencies
- Grants will be scored with a matrix
- To be eligible for the full amount of the grant, the request cannot be more than **20% of annual agency budget and no more than \$25,000.**

Proposal Requirements

A completed proposal should be included in the following documentation. Only complete proposals will be considered.

- Cover letter
- Program Implementation Work Plan
- Budget for Program and 2022 Agency Budget (you may submit a 2022 draft budget or your budget for 2021)

Completed proposals should be submitted online [grant@cowetafoundation.org]. All attachments must be in .pdf file format. Grants will be scored with a matrix.

Proposed Timeline

Timeline for proposal process:

- Final submission deadline: December 10, 2021
- Applicants notified: Applicants will be notified of our decision prior to the end of 2021

Requirements - Important Info

- At this time, this grant opportunity is limited to one per organization and will not offer a renewal option (this may change based on funding availability)
- Grantee is requested to share material that can be published on our social media outlets and website, monthly. This will be due with 90 day and 120 day reports/and or final report (items will include, current demographics, photos, brief updates about the program) and Grantee must include the CCF in all Press Releases about the program.
- Grant Programs must impact individuals directly affected by the March Tornado.
- A detailed report will be due within 90 days and 120 days/and or final report of receiving the grant to help document and communicate these funds' local impact. If all grant expenditures have not been made within that 120-day period, the report shall specify how the remaining funds will be used and a deadline for a final report to the Coweta Community Foundation following the complete expenditure of funds from the grant.

Contact Information

Questions regarding this request for proposal and any information outlined herein should be directed to:

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