

Eligibility Criteria

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Review the following eligibility requirements to be sure that both your organization and your proposal meet the criteria for a grant from WRWF.

Consult the Grant FAQ's section for more guidance.

Organizations eligible to apply for WRWF's Pooled Fund Grants:

- Must be an IRS qualified 501(c)3
- May not discriminate on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation and political or religious belief
- Do not serve exclusively sectarian purposes
- Must target funds received to its' mission within Blaine County

In addition:

- Applications from organizations that have received a grant from WRWF in both of the two immediately preceding grant cycles are not eligible for the current year
- Applications for activities that are religious or political in nature will not be considered
- For collaborative grants involving two or more organizations, please submit just one application. Each organization involved may request up to the maximum \$20,000.

Please specify how your proposal addresses one or more of the following::

- Provides your organization with building blocks to support and/or advance your mission which may include capacity building and/or sustainability
- Addresses a critical community need in Blaine County including who in the community would benefit from your proposal
- Develops new ventures
- Creates new approaches to persistent problems
- Provides overall enrichment of the community

Other considerations:

- WRWF's Pooled Grants Fund accepts budget proposals of at least \$5,000 and up to \$20,000

- Grants are paid in June; if your proposal requires funding prior to June, it will not be eligible during the current cycle.
- We encourage collaborations and partnerships among agencies toward common goals. To this end, we welcome joint proposals.
- WRWF will consider new ventures; funding in one year may very well be considered for ongoing support in a subsequent year. Organizations that have been funded in two consecutive years will be required to “sit out” a year before re-applying for another grant.
- Applicants are asked to describe how this grant would support/affect your operating budget including any detail on how the funds you are requesting will specifically support the purpose underlying your application.
- Often, WRWF funding is used to leverage funding from other sources. If this is the case relative to your proposal, you are asked to describe how this WRWF grant will help provide such leverage and from whom.

Focus Grant 2022

“Closing the Opportunity Gap in Education. A WRWF pilot program to address our community’s greatest need in education.”

Organizations eligible to apply for WRWF’s Focus Grant 2022:

- Must be an IRS qualified 501(c)3
- May not discriminate on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation and political or religious belief
- Do not serve exclusively sectarian purposes
- Must target funds received to its’ mission within Blaine County

For collaborative grants involving two or more organizations, please submit just one application and identify the scope of work involved by the individual organizations. The \$100,000 grant may be paid out over 1-2 years. Funds disbursement will be responsive to the individual grant.

Applicants should:

- Have a mission, programs or services that focus on the education of students
- Demonstrate an understanding of the root causes of this problem in the community
- Demonstrate expertise and success in reducing the education gap or in preventing the education gap in a target population
- Propose to expend funds within 12 to 24 months – June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024

Please make note of our criteria for funding and how your proposal addresses one or more of the following:

- Decreasing chronic achievement gaps between student sub-populations
- Providing “catch up” instruction and support for students who have experienced learning loss due to COVID
- Bolstering early learning programs for students who are lacking school readiness skills, and/or professional training for early childhood providers who can have an impact on student readiness
- Increasing families’ ability to support the academic achievement of their children
- Increasing rates of post-secondary continuing education for high school students
- Building knowledge and expertise in the science of learning, especially the science of learning to read, in the community at large

Other considerations:

- We encourage collaborations among organizations with common goals. To this end, we welcome joint proposals forged through partnerships.
- If this will be a new venture, consider how its implementation will impact existing demands on your organization’s budget and staff time. Will it replace an existing program? If it is to be ongoing and in addition to existing programs, how will funding be sought to continue beyond the term of the grant?
- WRWF will consider support of the Grant for a second \$100,000 in 2023. The organization(s) that are awarded the Focus Grant 2022, will be eligible to apply for the Focus Grant 2023 along with other nonprofits addressing this area.
- In your budget proposal, please address both direct costs associated with your proposal and the indirect costs of overhead and administration.
- Frequently, a grant from WRWF helps organizations leverage additional financial support. Please note if that would be the case for your proposal.