

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

The mission of the Greater Sauk County Community Foundation is to help the citizens of Sauk County and surrounding areas create enduring charitable contributions in their communities.

Our goals are to:

- Responsibly solicit, manage, and distribute philanthropic assets created by charitable gifts and bequests.
- Communicate opportunities and benefits of philanthropy to communities served.
- Demonstrate leadership and act as a catalyst to design programs and identify issues in collaboration with other foundations, corporations, organizations and communities.
- Engage in creative and sensitive grant making to enrich communities served, devoting special emphasis on education, the arts, health and human services, and the preservation of historical, cultural and natural resources.

GRANT GUIDELINES:

Through the application review and grant distribution process, the Greater Sauk County Community Foundation matches donated resources with innovative ideas from nonprofit organizations that meet a community need. The Foundation looks for projects that propose practical solutions to current community needs, promote cooperation and collaboration in addressing positive change, promote volunteer involvement, strengthen an organization's effectiveness and stability, and address prevention as well as intervention.

WHO MAY APPLY:

The Foundation welcomes grant requests from organized groups within the Greater Sauk County area:

- Independent nonprofit organizations
- Charitable organizations classified as 501(c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code
- Local units of state or national organizations
- Groups or clubs organized to sponsor a charitable project

WHAT WE LOOK FOR:

In awarding grants from the Greater Sauk County Community Foundation, we favor innovative proposals that:

- Positively impact the quality of life in Sauk County and surrounding areas.
- Promote collaboration and reduce service duplication.
- Originate in the private sector and demonstrate strong volunteer involvement.
- Strengthen the ability of our communities to respond more effectively to needs.
- Help people to help themselves.
- Build upon the strengths of our communities.
- Apply the Foundation's resources where they will make a tangible difference in meeting important community needs.

We attempt to understand both the specific objectives of a request and the long-term benefits that will be derived by the community if the project is funded. Consideration is given primarily to those organizations that are tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or projects with a charitable purpose.

WE GENERALLY DO NOT FUND:

- Annual campaigns
- Debt retirement
- Direct support of individuals
- Endowments
- Lobbying
- Operating expenses or losses
- Sectarian causes

The Greater Sauk County Community Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability or national origin; we expect grant applicants to hold similar standards.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

The Executive Director is available to answer questions from grant seekers as proposals are being developed. Such consultation will be informal and carry no assurances of suitability for funding. Call the Foundation office at (608)355-0884 for an appointment.

Applicants should complete the Greater Sauk County Community Foundation Grant Application and Proposal Outline and provide **original and 9 copies** to the Foundation at the following address:

Greater Sauk County Community Foundation
P. O. Box 544
600 W. Chestnut Street
Baraboo, WI 53913

Applications must be received or postmarked by March 1st or September 1st.