

community collaboration grants

These grants are designed to build connectedness in our community

Purpose:

Science teaches us social connections improve physical health and mental and emotional well-being. Community Collaboration Grants support collaborative efforts that build a sense of connectedness between people or create/enhance community spaces where individuals can be active together.

Who can Apply?

Collaboration grants support coordinated efforts between multiple community organizations; one organization must be a 501c3 non-profit or a governmental entity. This same organization will:

- serve as the project's fiscal sponsor
- apply for the grant funding
- receive the grant funding

Grants are available to support communities served by the following school districts: Dodgeland, Hustisford, Ixonia, Jefferson, Johnson Creek, Lake Mills, Waterloo and Watertown.

Maximum Grant Value:

These grants will support up to 33% of a proposed project budget with a maximum grant value of **\$30,000**. Applicants must have solidified financial support from **at least two** other community organizations for no less than 67% of the project cost before approaching GWCHF for consideration.

Budget Timeline:

Requests will be accepted on an ongoing basis each fiscal year until the grant's annual budget is met.

Criteria:

Funded projects will:

- enhance community connectedness and/or create spaces for community members to be active together
- have the financial support of at least two local partners other than GWCHF
- have a clear budget and timeline
- create ongoing and sustainable community impact
- not have received past Community Collaboration Grant funding

Priority Will be Given to Projects:

- that promote health equity
- with significant volunteer support

How to Apply:

STEP ONE – Verifying Project Meets Grant Criteria: Prospective applicants are required to contact Andi Merfeld, GWCHF Grants Coordinator at 920-390-4000 to discuss the potential project prior to submitting an application. *Completion of Step One does not guarantee grant will be approved.*

STEP TWO – Complete Grant Application for Consideration: Once GWCHF has confirmed the project meets criteria, applicants will be given a code to access and complete the Community Collaborations Grant application through GWCHF's online grant portal.

STEP THREE – Notification of Award: Please allow up to 6 weeks for notification of official award decision.

Final Report Requirement:

Grantees will be required to complete a brief outcome report within 30 days of project end date.