

# Pocahontas County Foundation

## Principles for Grant Awards

2008

1. The applying organization must be located and/or serve clients in Pocahontas County.
2. The applicant must be a non-profit charitable organization that is tax exempt under IRS regulation. Grantees may ask a 501c3 agency to be their fiscal agent. That number must be supplied on the application form. No grants will be made that jeopardize the tax exempt status of the Foundation.
3. The foundation makes grants to support creative and innovative programs, current or emerging charitable opportunities, services not presently offered, and occasional capital projects – all of which should enhance the quality of life in the county.
4. Especially interesting are projects proposed by coalitions of service providers, those likely to gain support from matching fund arrangements, and replicable in design.
5. Special attention will be given to projects applying to broad segments of the County.
6. Projects funded should not represent significant duplication of initiative already undertaken by other nonprofit agencies.
7. Grants are not made in support of annual operating budgets, routine maintenance or repair, or for projects that are considered to be meeting the daily needs of operation.
8. Requests will generally be denied for current budget support, salaries, food, elimination of deficits, reduction of debt or funding of completed projects.
9. Low priority will be given to programs or projects sponsored by religious institutions and which have a narrowly sectarian purpose. However, programs so sponsored will be considered if they have an ecumenical base or are designed to serve persons in need without regard to their religious affiliation.
10. The yearly selection process does not have to be consistent with previous selections.

Criteria used by the selection committee:

Grant proposals will be judged on the basis of such things as:

- The intrinsic merit of the project for meeting priority county-wide needs
- The ability and past experience of the staff in terms of the likelihood of successful completion of projects
- The clarity and measurability of the projects goals
- Plans to fund the project beyond the grant period
- The feasibility of the time frame given for completion of the project