

Building for Tomorrow Grant August 2026

Kearney Area Community Foundation

Grant Eligibility and Requirements

Building for Tomorrow grant awards average between \$3,000 - \$5,000.

Typically, a community foundation serves the people of a certain geographic area. This means that only projects or programs in the Kearney area and surrounding communities are considered for support. Grants are made to nonprofit, federally tax exempt 501(c)(3) qualified organizations or organizations delivering a project or program that qualifies as charitable activity or which has a fiscal relationship with a charity.

Limitations

As a general practice, the Kearney Area Community Foundation (KACF) refrains from funding:

1. **Individuals**, such grants generally do not meet the mission of the KACF.
2. **Religious Activities**, that serve, or appear to serve, specific religious groups or denominations.
3. **Endowment Funds**, whether to establish or enhance endowment funds.
4. **Debt Retirement**, or financing to reduce an organization's debt or operating deficit, or to replenish resources used to pay such purposes.
5. **Organizational fund drives**, including national, state or local fund-raising activities; as well as, i.e., annual fund drives, courtesy advertising, benefit tickets, and telephone solicitations.
6. **Operating expenses and budgetary items** that are a part of the typical costs of running the organization as it exists. These types of costs are necessary for the organization to function, such as salaries, rent, utilities, and office supplies.
7. **Umbrella Organizations** that would re-distribute the requested funds at their discretion.
8. **Private or parochial schools**, as well as other private organizations, are generally not eligible. If such organizations have a publicly supported program or foundation, support may be considered for that program or to that entity.
9. **Travel, Tours, and/or Trips** including conferences and expanded studies, whether attended by an individual or a group, school class, or sports team.
10. **Activities outside the United States Treasury Regulations** applicable to community foundations, such as support to non-charitable profit-making enterprises and political activities.

The KACF awards grants in seven fields of interest:

- Arts/Culture

- Community/Civic
- Education
- Health
- Human Services
- Recreation
- Religion (non- denominational)

Types of grant funding may include, but are not limited to:

- Capital projects such as construction, remodeling, additions to existing buildings, and purchases of major equipment.
- Challenge or matching grants which require financial commitments from other donors in order to promote leverage for generating additional funds.
- Seed grants to initiate promising new projects or programs, thus allowing them to demonstrate their usefulness to the community; and those which assist those populations who are not adequately served by existing community resources.
- Unusual or emergency funding for annual operating costs or major repairs.
- Operational funding for new and/or expanded programs and projects.

Full grant guidelines can be found [here](#).

Note: If the LOI is approved, organizations whose main office/headquarters are not located in the Kearney Area/Bufalo County will be required to provide a letter of support in the main grant application from their local partners/constituents.

Eligibility and Requirements Understanding*

By typing my name in the box below, I acknowledge that I have read through and understand the grant eligibility and requirements.

Character Limit: 100

Your Title/Relationship to the Organization*

Character Limit: 200

Question Group

Project Name*

Character Limit: 100

Briefly describe the applicant organization, its programs and projects:*

Character Limit: 500

Brief description of project/program for which you are seeking funds:*

Character Limit: 500

Total cost of the proposed project/program (round to nearest dollar):*

Character Limit: 20

Amount requested from Kearney Area Community Foundation (round to nearest dollar)*

Character Limit: 20

What is the last possible date funds are needed?*

Character Limit: 10

Briefly describe how this project/program will benefit our community:*

Character Limit: 1000