

## **CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

### **PURPOSE**

SwedishAmerican Foundation is pleased to offer the Community Grant Program, providing financial support to not-for-profit organizations, particularly those that complement the SwedishAmerican Caring for our Community Grants mission and vision.

### **FUNDING**

The SwedishAmerican Board of Directors annually approves funds made available through the Foundation's Caring for our Community Grant Program. Funding for this program comes from earnings on unrestricted contributions to the Foundation, not from contributions themselves.

### **REVIEW**

The Grant Committee holds responsibility for reviewing and approving requests according to the program guidelines and within the funding parameters established by the Foundation Operating Committee. The Operating Committee reserves the right to approve or deny all requests for funding. *A representative from grant-seeking organizations must be available to answer immediate questions by the Committee, as well as the possibility of any follow-up inquiries by the Committee to assess the results of the grant support.*

### **GRANT CYCLES**

Grants are awarded once per year, in June. All grant applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. on April 15 to be considered. Funding is distributed in August.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

All applicants must:

- Be a not-for-profit entity
- Serve or represent the Rockford Community, or the communities within the service area of SwedishAmerican
- Represent the Mission, Vision and Values of the SwedishAmerican Caring for our Community Grant in their own activities

#### **Mission**

Through a culture of philanthropy and strong relationships, we GROW SwedishAmerican

#### **Vision**

Contagious Philanthropy... Remarkable Healthcare! We make the SwedishAmerican mission possible.

**Shared Values:** Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, Responsibility, Excellence

**SCOPE**

SwedishAmerican Foundation wishes to support projects in our service area that alleviate homelessness, hunger and un(under)employment, improve wellness, expand early childhood development and improve offender rehabilitation/reintegration.

The SwedishAmerican Foundation Community Grant Program does not support capital requests.

Funding will not be awarded to further the mission work of religious organizations.

**APPLICANT AGREEMENT**

Upon funding request submission, applicant agrees to participate in promotional activities with SwedishAmerican including press releases, media events and social media promotion.

**FUNDING FOLLOW-UP**

Each grant must be used for the explicit purpose and within the time period stated in the approved grant application. Grant funds not used must be returned to the SwedishAmerican Foundation.

No later than one year (12 months) from the day the grant is received; each grant recipient must complete and submit a Community Grant Feedback Report to verify that the funds have been expended as intended. Organizations that do not submit the appropriate follow-up within the allotted time will not be eligible for future grants.