

Local Community Grants / Northwest Arkansas Giving
Program / Volunteerism Always Pays

Our local community grants are awarded through an open application process and provide funding directly from Walmart and Sam's Club facilities to local organizations in the U.S. Don't know how to determine your local facility? Don't worry, the application will assist you.

Guidelines

- *Local Community grants range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$5,000.*
- *Eligible nonprofit organizations must operate on the local level (or be an affiliate/chapter of a larger organization that operates locally) and directly benefit the service area of the facility from which they are requesting funding.*
- *The 2022 grant cycle begins Feb. 1, 2022 and the application deadline is Dec. 31, 2022.*
- *Applications may be submitted at any time during this funding cycle. Please note that applications will only remain active in our system for 90 days, and at the end of this period they will be automatically rejected.*
- *Organizations may only submit a total number of 25 applications and/or receive up to 25 grants within the 2022 grant cycle.*
- *All organizations applying for a Local Community grant must be [CyberGrants FrontDoor](#) verified prior to applying.*

Eligibility Checklist

Organizations applying must meet one of following criteria:

- An organization holding a current tax-exempt status as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, listed on the IRS Master File and conducting activities within the United States, classified as a public charity under Section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) (Types I or II); and CyberGrants FrontDoor verified.*
- A recognized government entity: state, county or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes and CyberGrants FrontDoor verified.*
- A K-12 public or nonprofit private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large, such as food pantries, soup kitchens and clothing closets and CyberGrants FrontDoor verified.*
- NOTE: Non-charities, including organizations recognized as 501(c)(4)s, (c)(6)s, and (c)(19)s like homeowner's associations, civic leagues, or volunteer fire companies, are not eligible at this time.*

Areas of Funding

There are eight (8) areas of funding for which an organization can apply. Please review the areas listed below to ensure your organization's goals fall within one of these areas.

- *Community and Economic Development: Improving local communities for the benefit of low-income individuals and families in the local service area*
- *Diversity and Inclusion: Fostering the building of relationships and understanding among diverse groups in the local service area*
- *Education: Providing afterschool enrichment, tutoring or vocational training for low-income individuals and families in the local service area*
- *Environmental Sustainability: Preventing waste, increasing recycling, or supporting other programs that work to improve the environment in the local service area*
- *Health and Human Service: Providing medical screening, treatment, social services, or shelters for low-income individuals and families in the local service area*
- *Hunger Relief and Healthy Eating: Providing Federal or charitable meals/snacks for low-income individuals and families in the local service area*
- *Public Safety: Supporting public safety programs through training programs or equipment in the local service area*
- *Quality of Life: Improving access to recreation, arts or cultural experiences for low-income individuals and families in the local service area*

Selection Process

- *Management at the facility to which you are applying will review the application and make initial funding recommendations on all submitted requests.*
- *Each facility manager may set the frequency and process in which application determinations are made.*

- The facility manager and the grant administrator reserve the right to adjust the amount awarded to each organization without prior notice.
- Organizations will be notified of any decision via e-mail. All funding decisions are final.
- If an organization is approved, grant checks will be mailed directly to the recipient's address listed in the [Cybergrant's FrontDoor](#) profile for the organization. Please allow four to six weeks for delivery.
- Upon receiving a grant, organizations should contact the local facility from which funds were awarded in order to schedule (subject to availability) a formal recognition event if such an event is desired.

All grant applications are made subject to review of the organization's reputation and activities and its agreement to comply with applicable terms and conditions. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding. Funding exclusions include: organizations that deny service, membership or other involvement on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status.