



## Community Foundation of White County Leslie Grants – “Small but Mighty!” Guidelines & Application Procedure

Your Community Foundation of White County is committed to strengthening White County through charitable giving and is honored to serve as a vehicle for people who believe that investing in our community is important, relevant, and personal.

A new grant-making approach for the Foundation, Leslie Grants are available to nonprofit organizations seeking requests under **\$1,000** all year, any time, until the cycle closes on **November 1<sup>st</sup>**, or until the allocated funds are depleted. This grant cycle was introduced to accommodate smaller projects that may require funding outside of the timeline of other grant cycles.

Only recently retiring in 2022 after 18 years of leading the Foundation, Executive Director Emeritus Leslie Wineland Goss is the inspiration for these new grant cycles. To reflect Leslie’s petite but powerful nature, Leslie grants provide an opportunity for nonprofits to access smaller grant awards that still make a great impact in our community. These “small but mighty” grants will now be awarded in honor of Leslie and her commitment to strengthening and transforming White County.

Leslie Grants are made possible by unrestricted donations to the Foundation from everyday people who care about our community. Whether large or small, these “use where they will best serve” gifts allow the Foundation to offer grant opportunities to strengthen the social, cultural, educational, economic, and physical well-being of White County.

**Who may apply?** To be eligible, your organization must have non-profit, 501c3 status. These grants are specifically to support nonprofit partners. Government agencies and other tax-exempt entities (schools, parks, etc.) are not eligible to apply for Leslie Grants.

**What is funded?** The Foundation is particularly interested in innovative approaches to solving community problems, maximizing unexpected opportunities, and supporting projects that evidence collaboration among agencies. Examples include:

- Start-up costs for a new or expanded project (should indicate plan for future support and sustainability)
- One-time projects that address a critical need
- Capital improvement projects that are beyond an applicant’s means
- Projects for which support from CFWC will enable applicants to obtain matching funding from other sources.

We look for opportunities that will reach as many people as possible and will improve the ability of the organization to serve the community over the long term. Eligible programs/projects must serve the White County community.

**What is not funded?** Policies governing the Foundation generally preclude funding for:

Individuals

Endowments

Ongoing operating budgets, existing deficits, debt reduction

Religious activities or programs that are serving or appear to serve predominantly one denomination and not the community at large

Political organizations or candidates

Programs or capital projects already completed.

Please check with the Foundation if you have any questions as to eligibility for funding.

**How much funding is available?** Requests up to **\$1,000** at a time will be eligible for funding through Leslie Grants.

**Think creatively!**

How will your project enrich and strengthen your community?

**Submitting your grant application:**

1. Please call the Foundation and read the Grant Guidelines before submitting a proposal to explain the nature of your grant, to gain an understanding of the Foundation's priorities and funding capabilities for the year, and to ensure you have the current application form.
2. Complete the Grant Application form provided. All blanks **MUST** be filled in: if not applicable, please indicate.
3. Please submit grant application, including all attachments to the Community Foundation's office.
4. The proposal should be submitted by a charitable organization. If you are submitting this proposal under the umbrella of another organization, that entity should complete the organization's information. Please designate a primary contact person with their address and phone number.
5. Your request will be assigned to the Executive Director for review. You may be contacted for further information or to schedule a site visit.
6. **Timeline: Leslie Grant Applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm, Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** or until the available funds are depleted.
7. Grant Disbursements and Evaluations: Before grant funding is available, the grantee and the Community Foundation will execute a grant agreement. Generally, grants are distributed on a reimbursement basis. The program staff may visit the grant site to check in on progress or experience the project in action.
8. Please return to:

Community Foundation of White County  
(1001 Airport Rd.)  
P.O. Box 1154  
Monticello, IN 47960-1154  
(574) 583-6911  
[www.cfwhitecounty.org](http://www.cfwhitecounty.org)  
[lucy@cfwhitecounty.org](mailto:lucy@cfwhitecounty.org)





2024 Grant Proposal Form
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The Community Foundation of White County

Organization Information:

Organization Legal Name
Address
City, State, Zip Website
Phone Fax IRS Classification (for example, 501(c)3 ID #)
Contact Person Title E-mail

Project Request Information:

Describe the project for which funding is requested (may attach additional pages for images or examples):

State the issue(s) or community need(s) that the project will address:

List the number of people this project will impact and how this project will be sustained:

\$ Amount requested (Maximum \$1,000)
\$ Total cost of project