

2026
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First Community
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GRANT WORKSHOP
JANUARY 20 & 21, 2026

FCFP Grantmaking Team



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Director of Grantmaking since 2008



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First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania

Mission Statement: To improve the quality of life in north central Pennsylvania through community leadership, the promotion of philanthropy, the strengthening of nonprofit impact and the perpetual stewardship of charitable assets.

Diversity Statement: FCFP pursues diversity in its funds, donors, board, volunteers, staff, and the causes it supports. Committed to advocating for positive social change and ensuring everyone who shares its vision can get involved, the Foundation is determined to have a broad reach and deep, equal impact in the region.

Vision Statement: To create powerful communities through passionate giving®



NONPROFIT SERVICES

Foundation Directory by Candid.

- Grant search database
- 323,000+ foundations, corporations, government agencies
- Contact Lorna Zajack to schedule an appointment

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Raise the Region®

- March 11 at 6:00 p.m. to March 12 at 11:59 p.m.
- Verified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations with a physical address in:

Columbia

Montour

Snyder

Union

Lycoming

Northumberland

Tioga

- Register at www.RaiseTheRegion.org through February 13
- Updated rules



APPLICANTS

Grant Submission Overview

- Eligibility
- Restrictions and Limitations
- Grant Application
- Grant Requirements
- Post-Program/Project Evaluation
- Field of Interest Fund Opportunities and Deadlines

Eligibility

- Be qualified to receive tax-exempt contributions as defined by the IRS
 - Approved 501(c)(3) public charity
 - Approved 501(c)(3) non-public charity requires additional vetting
 - Unit of government
 - Non-501(c)(3) nonprofit requires additional vetting
- Use a qualified 501(c)(3) public charity nonprofit as Fiscal Sponsor
- Have a request that directly benefits the constituency or program related to the fund
- Do not have an open grant or outstanding final evaluation

Restrictions and Limitations

- Annual campaigns
- Costs that were incurred prior to the anticipated grant approval date
- Endowments
- Indirect costs: costs not directly related to carrying out the funded project
- Loans, scholarships, fellowships, honorary awards, travel grants
- Multi-year funding, on a case-by-case basis
- Operating or programs deficits

Restrictions and Limitations

- Political advocacy that supports or promotes the interests of any one political party or candidate
- Re-granting, on a case-by-case basis
- Requests from individuals

Restrictions and Limitations

Not all inclusive - reference individual fund

- General operating expenses
 - Including, but not limited to, current staff salaries and benefits, rent, utilities, telecommunications/postage, insurance, office equipment or supplies
 - ❖ Salaries for new staff may be considered if the sustainability of the position is well-presented and feasible
 - ❖ Equipment and supplies may be considered for new or enhancements to current programs/projects

Restrictions and Limitations

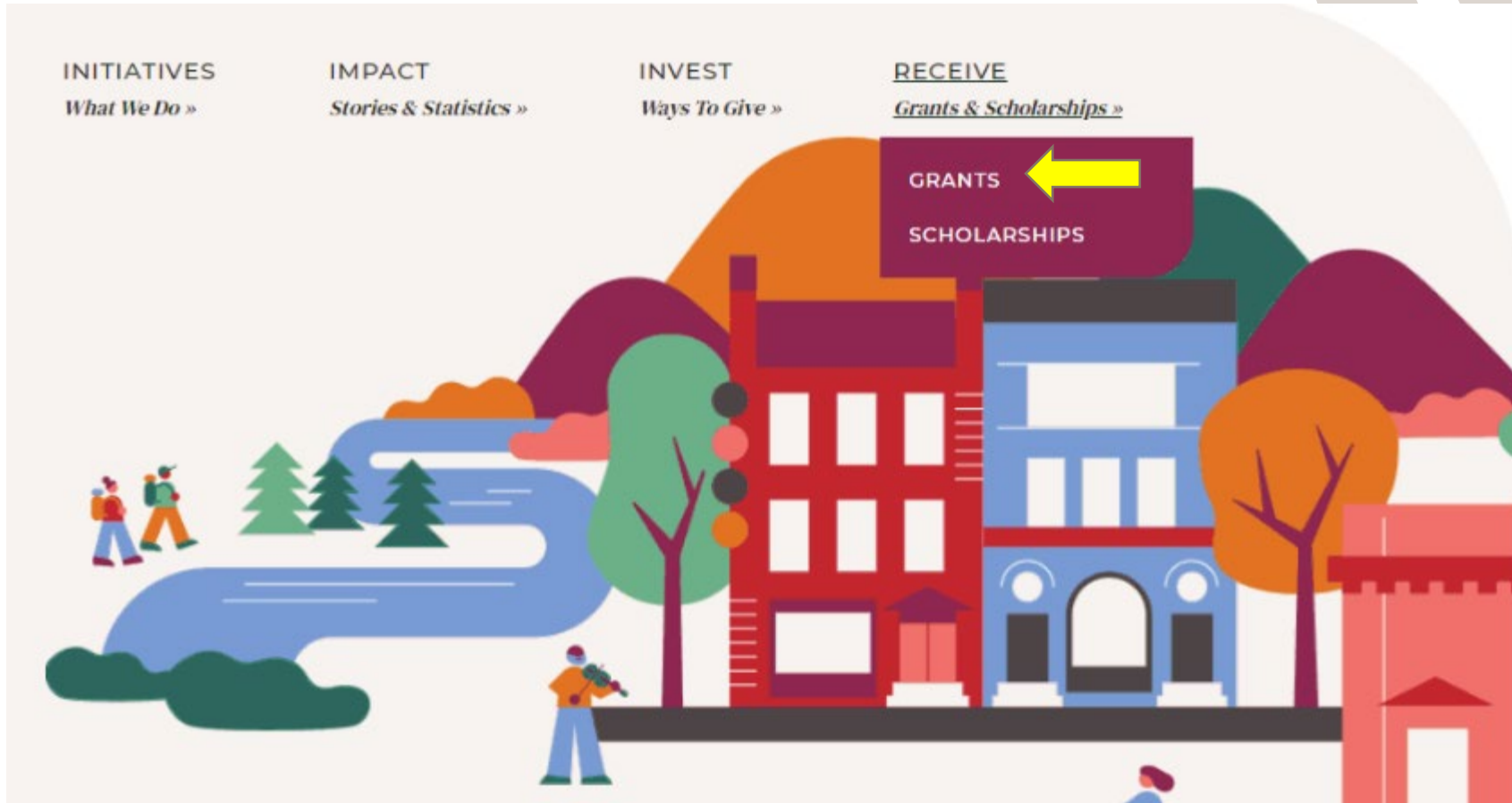
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- Religious organizations may only apply through a secular qualified 501(c)(3) public charity nonprofit for community-wide programs
- Individual School Districts and School District Foundations
 - School Districts collaborating with one or more other Districts may be eligible
- Services limited to a select membership



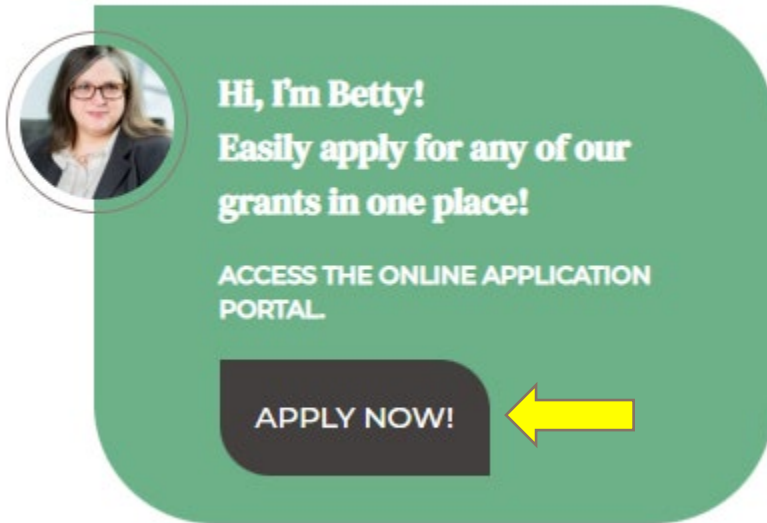
APPLICATION

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Application Details

- Mission Statement
- Diversity Statement
- Current Programs
- Individuals Benefitting
- Executive Summary
- Program/Project Description
- Community Need
- Similar Programs/Projects
- Collaborators
- Community Engagement
- Goals and Outcomes
- Sustainability
- Community Impact
- Program/Project Budget
- Operating Budget
- FCFP Recognition

Program Budget & Annual Operating Budget

- Program/Project Budget
 - Expense Items – what are you buying?
 - Funding Sources – how are you paying for it?
 - In-kind services may be listed with approximate values
 - Status of other funding sources
- Operating Budget
 - Most current fiscal year
 - Most recent completed fiscal year Budget vs Actual

Grant Recognition

- Press Release
- Recognition Materials
 - Annual Report Feature
 - Banner
 - Billboard
 - Brochure
 - Donor Recognition Wall
 - Email
 - Invitation
 - Mailing
 - Newsletter
 - Newspaper Advertisement
 - Plaque
 - Poster
 - Ribbon Cutting
 - Social Media
 - T-shirt
 - Website

Attachments

- Most current financial statements - audited if available
- List of professional staff with titles and their involvement with the program/project
- List of Board of Directors with board positions and business positions
- Letter of support from current board chair (new)
- Letter of support from unpaid community member
- Letter(s) of support from collaborating organizations
- Bids
- Project Renderings



GRANTEES

Grant Agreement

- Distribution of Funds
- Expenditure of Funds
- Grant Recognition Requirements
 - Grantee visit
 - Social media
 - ❖ Like and Follow on Facebook and Instagram
- Reporting Requirements
- Failure to Comply

Post Program/Project Evaluation

Grant evaluation due one year following grant approval date or project start date

- Stage of Completion
- Residents Impacted
- Collaborating Partners
- Grant Expense Report
- Measurable Goals
- Grant Recognition
- Future of Program/Project

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Submission through February 25, 2026

- **Little League Fund for Youth Sports** - Youth activity and healthy living programs through sports for youth under the age of 16 and people with special needs in Lycoming County
 - 2026 Available to Grant = \$6,700
 - Minimum Request - \$500. Maximum Request - \$4,000.

Notification in March

Submission through March 1, 2026

- **Pearls with a Passion Fund** - Programs that address the physical, mental and emotional health challenges faced by veterans in Columbia, Lycoming, Northumberland, Tioga, and/or Union Counties
 - 2026 Available to Grant = \$40,000
 - Minimum Request - \$5,000. Maximum Request - \$40,000.
- **Plunketts Creek Township Foundation Fund** - Programs/projects for the benefit of residents of Plunketts Creek Township, Lycoming County
 - 2026 Available to Grant = \$21,900. No Minimum/Maximum.
- **Waldron Memorial Fund** - Programs/projects for the benefit of the residents of Muncy, Lycoming County
 - 2026 Available to Grant = \$156,479. No Minimum/Maximum.

Notification in June

Submission through October 1, 2026

- **Century Fund for Strong Neighborhoods** - Programs/projects with a focus on civic initiatives, economic development, recreation, and youth development in Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union County
 - 2026 Available to Grant = one grant of \$25,000
 - ❖ Programs/projects must benefit residents in 3 or more counties
 - ❖ Pending funding sources may not equal more than 25% of the program budget
 - ❖ Additional criteria forthcoming
- **Fath-Greene Animal Welfare Fund** - Programs/projects that support animal welfare in the immediate vicinity of Coudersport and Potter County
 - 2026 Available to Grant = \$31,800. No Minimum/Maximum.

Notification in December

Submission through October 1, 2026

- **Lindig Lewisburg Foundation Fund** - Programs/projects for the benefit of residents of the Borough of Lewisburg, Union County
 - 2026 Available to Grant = To Be Confirmed. No Minimum/Maximum.
- **Lycoming Economic Development Foundation Fund** - Programs/projects that address economic development in Lycoming County
 - 2026 Available to Grant = \$65,600. No Minimum/Maximum.

Notification in December

110TH BIRTHDAY GRANT PROGRAMS



Submission through June 1, 2026

- Requests of \$110,000
- One cycle for Greater Susquehanna Valley
 - Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union Counties
- One cycle for Williamsport Lycoming
- Virtual site visits
- Three finalists per cycle chosen by Regional Advisory Boards
- 110-person community panel will vote for one winner following a live presentation in October
- Criteria forthcoming

Submission through July 1, 2026

- Lycoming County Birthday Grants
 - Up to \$2.6m available to grant
- Minimum Request - \$250,000. Maximum Request - \$500,000.
- Letter of Intent with program/project budget
- Special ad hoc grant review committee
 - Current and former FCFP board members
- Virtual or in-person site visits
- Criteria forthcoming

Notification in December

Email Notifications

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