



Jefferson Economic Development Fund

(An affiliate fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation)

Introduction: The Jefferson Economic Development Fund was founded in 1958 as the Jefferson County Chambers of Commerce. A group of regional business leaders created the nonprofit entity to help encourage economic development and community growth. The organization transitioned into a partnership with the Northern New York Community Foundation in 2016 with a redeveloped charitable purpose.

The Jefferson Economic Development Fund awards grants to eligible nonprofit organizations that will support programs, projects and initiatives which demonstrate clear public benefit and promote economic development and general welfare in the Jefferson County region.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations eligible for funding must have confirmed 501(c)(3) classification through the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If your organization does not have this classification, you may partner with an eligible nonprofit organization, municipality, or entity to serve as your fiscal sponsor. Agencies seeking funding through this funding opportunity must confirm partnership with an eligible nonprofit organization or fiscal sponsor at the time a grant proposal is submitted. Please contact the Community Foundation for further assistance, if needed.

Focus: The Jefferson Economic Development Fund encourages nonprofit organizations think creatively and broadly when examining their programs and services and identify a correlation between their work and economic development in the community. A specific program, project or initiative may be appropriate to submit an application for funding.

Examples of economic development focus areas:

- Workforce development encouraging job preparation, creation, and career enhancement
- Priority projects enhancing the quality of life in a Jefferson County community
- Initiatives aiming to improve the general health and economic well-being of area citizens
- Strengthening access to area arts, culture, and education opportunities and experiences
- Preventative health and human services programs that assist citizens in need and help reduce identified community needs (for example: literacy, homelessness, etc.)
- Community leadership and social impact
- Leverage additional funding for strategic programs/projects with clear public benefit (dependent on scope of project)

Grant Funding Available: Up to \$10,000

Jefferson Economic Development Fund 2020 Grant Application

Please submit your grant application in a separate, typed narrative, following the sequence of information below:

Organization Information:

- Organization Name/Address
- Organization Executive Director/CEO
- Grant Applicant Contact/Title
- Email/Phone
- Organization's Tax ID/EIN number (to confirm nonprofit status)

Proposal Details:

- Description – Outline program/project/initiative for which you are requesting funding
- Community need – Summarize community need(s) addressed by proposed project
- Financials – Provide project and overall organization budgets
- Timeline – Present a clear schedule for project implementation and sustainability
- Personnel – List of professional staff and Board of Directors with contact information
- Partners – List and elaborate on community organizations working on the project
- Funding Sources – Confirm other funders for the proposed project
- Projected Outcomes – Clearly state planned goals for the proposed project

Proposal Evaluation: The Jefferson Economic Development Fund committee will review all applications based on some of the following criteria:

- Impact on the largest number of community members
- Ability to leverage additional grants or gifts for the project by receiving this award
- Innovative or creative solutions to existing regional challenges
- Organization's demonstrated ability to implement the project

Application Process: Please submit a completed proposal including materials and information as stated on page 2. Grant awards will be determined by the Community Foundation's board of directors at an upcoming meeting.

Deadline: Grant proposals must be received or postmarked to the Northern New York Community Foundation by **October 23, 2020**.

How to Submit a Proposal: Please send completed grant proposals to the Northern New York Community Foundation, Attn: Max DelSignore, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. Proposals may also be submitted at max@nnycf.org.

Questions: Please contact the Community Foundation at (315) 782-7110 or max@nnycf.org.