EAGAN FOUNDATION COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND RAPID REQUEST GRANTS POLICY

Eagan, like the rest of the United States and much of the world, is in crisis because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Many in our community who were already in need of housing, food, shelter and opportunities are hit particularly hard by this crisis. Many nonprofit organizations in Eagan who support these people in need in ordinary times face a greater challenge in this time of crisis. Although there were already too many people in need in our community before the crisis, many more are in need now because of the effects of the crisis. Many activities that benefit the community have been canceled and many nonprofit organizations that rely on public participation in fundraising events are suddenly without that source of support.

In an effort to help nonprofit organizations serving people in particular need because of the Covid-19 crisis, the Eagan Foundation has launched a special grants initiative to support these organizations. The Foundation recently announced the award of $20,000 in community grants to 23 organizations that make Eagan a better place to live, learn, work and play. Now the Foundation will hold a second round of grants from the newly created COVID-19 Response Fund. These funds will be targeted to nonprofit organizations which help people who are particularly in need because of the Covid-19 crisis as well as organizations that have themselves directly been hurt by the Covid-19 crisis. This document outlines the Covid-19 Response Fund Rapid Request Grants Policy.

The Foundation Board of Directors will determine the amount of funds available based on the Foundation’s ability to raise money to support this effort. The Foundation Board has established a Community Grants Selection Committee, which will consider and respond to all requests from the community for funds very quickly.

For organizations that submitted a request for a community grant to the Foundation for the grants awarded in 2020, 2019 or 2018, we are already familiar with you and all we need for this special grants process is:

- COVID-19 Response Fund Grant Request (available on website): A description of the request, including the amount requested, the purpose for which the funds will be used, and how filling the grant request will or is likely to benefit the Eagan community and particularly those hurt by the Covid-19 crisis (brief application on website; grants should be submitted email)

For organizations that have not applied for an Eagan Foundation community grant in the last three years, requests for grants must include:

- A copy of a grant application submitted in 2019 or 2020 or some other written materials that you submitted to some other granting organization that outlines the mission, scope, activities and structure of your organization (in lieu of submitting one specifically for us)
- COVID-19 Response Fund Grant Request (available on website): A complete description of the request, including the amount requested, the purpose for which the funds will be used, the anticipated outcomes should the grant request be filled, and how filling the grant request will or is likely to benefit the Eagan community and particularly those hurt by the Covid-19 crisis
Investing in Eagan’s future with community connections, grants & scholarships.

- Tax determination letter from IRS, or any other evidence of tax exempt status,
- Governing body member list with contact information and a point of contact for follow-up inquiries
- Other background information, as requested by the Foundation

Since organizations that will apply are currently scrambling to meet unmet need in the community, if these requirements pose an undue burden, the Foundation will try to accommodate requests to submit supporting information in other forms, such as a presentation by conference call or video conference.

The following criteria will be used in awarding grants:
- Funds must be used in a way that benefit the Eagan community and address needs arising from or made worse by the Covid-19 crisis
- Nonprofit organization, not necessarily formally incorporated if for general community benefit purposes
- Organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sexual orientation, disabled veteran status, marital status or national origin.
- Income tax exempt, or fiscal agency relationship with tax exempt
- Within Foundation’s special grant making priorities

At this time, the following organizations or activities are ineligible to receive funding from the Eagan Foundation:
- Individuals
- Political organizations that promote candidates, issues, causes or campaigns or whose purpose is to influence legislation.
- Organizations that are considered “for profit.”
- Religious organizations, except for programs designed to serve the community as a whole without regard to religious affiliation.

The Eagan Foundation may award grants in multiple rounds. The priority of the first round of grants will be organizations that address basic needs of the community such as food, housing, shelter, nutrition and physical and mental health. The second priority of the Foundation in this special grants process will be to help nonprofit organizations who provide general benefit to the community who have suffered loss of funding because of the Covid-19 crisis.

Thank you for all the great work you do. We hope to be able to further help you.

About the Eagan Foundation The Eagan Foundation is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, community-building organization, with a vision to make Eagan the best place to live, learn, work, and play. Its mission is investing in Eagan’s future by providing community connections, grants and scholarships. The Eagan Foundation was founded in 1990 and encourages, supports and enhances ideas, funding and collaborative action to meet community needs. To date, the Foundation has raised and reinvested in the community through its scholarship, community initiatives and community grants programs. For additional information, visit www.eaganfoundation.org or email admin@eaganfoundation.org