

About the Fund

The Chelsea Community Foundation, an affiliate fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, is a permanent community endowment that was established in 1995 to enhance the quality of life in Chelsea, as defined by the geographic boundaries of the Chelsea School District. The Chelsea Community Foundation is directed by a group of civic leaders who live or work in Chelsea and care deeply about the community. The fund continues to grow as a result of the generous contributions of many individuals and businesses.

Grantmaking from the Fund

The Chelsea Community Foundation awards general grants of varying sizes that strengthen Chelsea and benefit its residents. Grant awards typically range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

The grantmaking priorities for the Chelsea Community Foundation are aligned with the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan's Grantmaking Guidelines in terms of general content and materials to submit for a grant application. Wherever there is a contradiction, this document takes precedence.

The Guidelines for Grantmaking, which includes a checklist of what to include in an application, can be found at CFSEM.org/apply/grants.

Who May Apply

The Foundation will make grants to 501(c)(3) organizations, government entities, school districts and universities that provide programs that serve the area defined by the Chelsea School District. Organizations must have an independent certified financial audit. We do not make grants to individuals, sectarian religious programs or to cover deficits or other previously incurred obligations.

How to Apply

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Community Foundation to discuss a proposed project before submitting a proposal. Please call (734) 475-9891 and ask to speak with a program officer for the Chelsea Community Foundation. Staff members are available to discuss your ideas and answer any questions you have about the grantmaking process. Whether or not you decide to proceed with an application, we welcome the opportunity to learn more from you about the issues and opportunities in Chelsea as you see them.

The Chelsea Community Foundation has two grant cycles each year. If you submit your proposal prior to February 15, you will get a response in June. If you submit your proposal by August 15, you will receive a response in December. Upon submission, Foundation staff will let you know if notification of a decision may take longer.

Once you prepare your application, it can be submitted electronically to the Foundation. Simply click on the "Start an Application" link on this page: CFSEM.org/apply/grants

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us at (734) 475-9891.