

Community Foundation of Pulaski County (CFPC)

SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS

Sustainability Grants offer 501(c)(3) entities the opportunity to create their own endowment fund in the Community Foundation and rewards organizations that plan for their future.

A \$5,000 matching grant may be awarded to a Pulaski County nonprofit that demonstrates leadership, management, programming, and a desire to encourage donations to their own permanent endowment fund.

Eligibility

Candidates must be nonprofit organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes for the benefit of Pulaski County residents. ***If your organization already has a permanent fund with the Community Foundation of Pulaski County, you are not eligible to apply for a Sustainability Grant.***

Grant Award

The grant award is a \$5,000 matching grant that can enable an organization to establish a \$10,000 endowment fund within the Community Foundation. An endowment fund can help the organization become self-sustaining, and offers an opportunity to encourage giving among people who have a passion for the organization and want to see it continue and grow.

Why Should My Organization Apply?

Your organization provides essential services, and you have a responsibility to secure the financial stability of your organization. Endowment funds provide a stable source of income and represent an important part of a “funding mix” to help stabilize your income. It reflects well on your organization that you are interested in establishing a fund that will provide support for your mission now and forever.

Your Sustainability Grant application also provides an opportunity to tell the Community Foundation why you think your organization is excellent in a broader context than a typical funding request.

This grant can also provide a helpful motivational tool for board, staff, and volunteers.

How Will The Community Foundation Assist With Promoting Our Fund?

The Community Foundation will work to provide broad exposure to winning organizations. We expect that winning a Sustainability Grant will attract new resources to good organizations. Publicity will be provided in a variety of ways, including Community Foundation newsletters, annual report, web page, social media and other CFPC materials.

Reporting

A final report is required of all grantees in order to be considered for future grant funding. Sustainability grant recipients must provide a written report to the CFPC Board one year after the grant award. Report should describe the organization’s development and efforts to promote the endowment over the past year and future plans. A visit to the CFPC Board may also be requested.