



December 2025 Interim

2026 Virtual Grant Workshop

Jan. 7 from 10-11 a.m.



Virtual Grants Workshop
January 7, 2026
10 – 11:00 a.m.

We are excited to share the 2026 opportunities we have available for nonprofits serving Hancock County. Join us for this **virtual** workshop to learn more about these opportunities, review our grant portal, and ask questions. This workshop is virtual only; there will **not** be an in-person option. Stay where you are, stay warm, and join us online!

No need to pre-register. Simply join at the link below on Jan. 7. A recording can be shared with you upon request.

Note: Attendance at this workshop is **NOT** required to apply for grants in 2026. It is optional and for informational purposes only.

[Click here Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. to join the Zoom meeting](#)

2026 Annual Grant Cycle now open

Letter of Interest closes Jan. 30 at noon

The Annual Grant Cycle is a funding opportunity designed to support programming and capital needs of nonprofits and agencies serving Hancock County. The goal is for these funds to support or increase an agency's capacity to deliver programs and services that benefit Hancock County.

The Annual Grant Cycle LOI is open now. The letter of interest (LOI) is the beginning of the grant process; an LOI must be submitted in order to be considered in this grant cycle.

The Annual Grant Cycle is open to tax-exempt nonprofit organizations serving Hancock County (excluding education foundations). The LOI is open now and will close on **Jan. 30 at noon**. No LOIs will be accepted after this time.

Eligible organizations may submit one (1) LOI in either of the following areas:

Program & Project

A proposal to support or expand an existing charitable program/project or to create and launch a new charitable program/project.

- Maximum request: \$10,000
- Minimum request: \$1,500

Capital purchases with an expected useful life of 12 months or more, such as building repairs or additions, purchase of new equipment, purchase of technology (hardware & software), vehicles, and furniture.

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- Minimum request: \$1,500

After the LOI period, organizations that are invited to continue in the process will submit a full application that will be due April 1, 2026. Submission of an LOI does NOT guarantee your organization will be invited to submit a full application or that your organization will receive funding.



[Learn more about the Annual Grant Cycle and submit an LOI here](#)

Nonprofit Internship Grants

Letter of Interest now open

To obtain a high school diploma in the state of Indiana, students must learn and demonstrate "employability skills." A work-based learning experience, or internship, is one way to satisfy this graduation requirement. The Community Foundation is offering a grant program to fund paid internships for high school students at nonprofits. The goal is for this experience to not only provide a valuable learning opportunity for students, but also provide an expanded skillset and diverse perspective to nonprofits.



An internship is a form of structured and supervised experiential learning that provides interns practical experience in their chosen fields. Internships encompass learning objectives, observation, reflection, evaluation, and

assessment. These will be paid experiences funded by the grant. This grant will cover internships during the 2026-27 school year.

The letter of interest (LOI) is open now and will close at noon on Jan. 30, 2026. The Community Foundation will select grantees in early February and connect grantees with the four public high schools to hire an intern. Log on to our [grants portal](#) for more information on eligibility, timeline, and to complete an LOI.

[Learn more about Internship Grants and submit an LOI here](#)

Volunteer Fair reservation form open

Booth space is free; first-come, first-served

We are accepting reservations for nonprofit booth space. There is no cost for nonprofits to participate. Space is limited; we will review reservations on a first-come, first-served basis.

Volunteer opportunities appropriate for the Volunteer Fair should constitute activities that are unpaid, charitable in nature, and complement the work of a direct service provider. This includes board member positions.

Format

Nonprofit organizations will have table space in the Community Foundation's Thrive Center, the large meeting space at our office location at 971 W. US 40, Greenfield. Members of the community will be invited to walk around the tables, interact with you, and learn more about your organization and volunteer opportunities. This event is open to the public.

[**Click here for tips for success.**](#)

Nonprofit booth set-up will be from 2-4 p.m. on Friday, March 6, or from 9-9:45 a.m. on March 7. All booths should be manned and ready to greet guests by 9:45 a.m. on March 7.

More logistical details will be sent to you closer to the event date. For any immediate questions, please contact Katie Ottinger at Katie@CelebrateHancock.org or 317-462-8870.

Guidelines

Organizations eligible to participate in the Volunteer Fair must serve Hancock County and be public, tax-exempt organizations by Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Churches, government entities, and non-501(c)3 organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should contact Katie Ottinger before submitting the reservation form to discuss eligibility.

Ineligible Organizations or Volunteer Activities: Organizations or activities that include religious instruction, proselytizing, or other religious activities, lobbying, electioneering, and activities of political nature will not be considered, nor will organizations/activities



that discriminate as to race, gender, marital status, sexual preference, age, disability, creed or ethnicity.

CFHC reserves the right to decline participation at its discretion.

Complete this form to reserve your nonprofit's free booth space

Please remember to consult Hello Hancock while you are planning your 2026 events!

Visit HelloHancock.com



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Contact Katie Ottinger at 317-318-8313 (text or call) or Katie@CelebrateHancock.org

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