

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1** *The purpose of this document is to define the eligibility guidelines used for the Columbia Community Foundation in reviewing, selecting, and awarding grants.*

2.0 Qualifying for a Grant

- 2.1** *Grant applications will only be accepted and considered by the Columbia Community Foundation by utilizing the approved grant application located on the foundation's website.*
- 2.2** *Grant applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis according to these eligibility guidelines, the budget availability for grants during that tax year, ability to fulfill the foundation's mission, and applicable laws and regulations governing non-profit organizations and public charities.*

3.0 Grants not Considered for Funding

- 3.1** *The Columbia Community Foundation will not fund grant applications for: individuals (other than through the foundation's annual scholarship process); transportation, lodging, and travel expenses; political organizations; religious organizations for religious purposes; salaries; loans or investments; athletic teams, events, or sponsorships; animal related programs including shelters; merchandise for fundraisers and auctions; merchandise promotions, partnerships, or advertising; parties, celebrations, parades, festivals, and raffles; deficit funding; and organizations or projects that do not directly enhance the community of Columbia Township in some manner.*

4.0 Grants Considered for Funding

- 4.1** *The Columbia Community Foundation will consider funding grant applications when the grant application's purpose affects the lives of people within the community of Columbia Township and helps to enhance the community, safety, parks, educational system, senior citizens, food banks, or the visibility of Columbia Township in some way.*

**Columbia Community Foundation Grant Eligibility Guidelines
Version 1.0**

5.0 Policy Activation

5.1 *This policy becomes active and binding immediately.*

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