



Grant Program Summary

The Loudoun Chamber Foundation was established in 2014 to advance the Loudoun Chamber's mission to promote a world class quality of life in Loudoun County. The Loudoun Chamber Foundation is a component fund of the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties.

The Loudoun Chamber Foundation now accepts applications for its 2024 grant cycle.

Grantmaking Priorities

The Loudoun Chamber's charitable giving is prioritized based on an applicant organization's alignment with our strategic objectives, in this order of priority:

- **Economic Development and Entrepreneurship** – The Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce believes strongly in the value of creating economic opportunity in our community as the most essential element of a world class quality of life.
- **Education and Workforce Development** – The quality of our workforce and K-20 education systems that prepare our future workforce are essential components of Loudoun County's world class quality of life.
- **Public Safety** –The Loudoun County Chamber has a decades-long tradition of supporting our emergency first responders and their families, particularly those that have suffered injuries or death while in performance of their sworn duties.
- **Healthy Community** – The health of the Loudoun economy and its quality of life is inextricably linked to the health and wellness of its citizens and the financial stability of the organizations that serve our citizens' health and wellbeing.

Priority will be given to applicants that are members of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce.

The Loudoun Chamber Foundation grants are for general operating support of organization's overall work and mission.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicant organizations must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity in good standing with the IRS. Only organizations serving the Loudoun County community will receive Loudoun Chamber Foundation grants.

Applicant organizations must demonstrate how they will publicize the Loudoun Chamber Foundation's grants.

Organizations are ineligible to receive Loudoun Chamber Foundation grants for two consecutive years. Organizations that receive grants in 2023 are not eligible in this grant cycle (2024).

The Loudoun Chamber Foundation will not support the following:

- Organizations without 501(c)3 public charity status.
- Political or religious causes, whether those of organizations or individuals.
- An individual participating in fundraising events or activities.

Application Deadlines, Grant Size, and Reviews

Applications must be submitted electronically through the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties' online grant portal at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cflf>.

Applications will be accepted starting Tuesday, October 15, 2024, and are **due by Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 5:00 p.m.** The Loudoun Chamber Foundation Grant Committee will review applications and make funding recommendations to the Community Foundation's Board of Directors for approval.

Individual grants are expected to amount in the \$2,000 to \$5,000 range. Grants will be provided for general operating support. It is expected that grant decisions will be publicly announced by January 2025 and that applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by December 20, 2024.

Pre-Application Workshop

An optional pre-application workshop will be held online on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Attendees may register using this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvdeigpz0pHtdKmQfoYdKdRq_-SdaJnAQM

The workshop will be recorded and a link to access the recording will be emailed afterwards to all those who register.

Need Assistance?

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