

## POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR NEBRASKA EARLY CHILDHOOD CAREGIVERS AND PROGRAMS

### Nebraska Private Foundation Resources

#### Nebraska Foundation Resource Directory

Click here for the [Nebraska Foundation Resource Directory Web Link](#)

This is a compiled guide of potential grant funding sources from private family and corporate foundations, primarily in Nebraska, for Nebraska children, youth, families, and communities. The guide was most recently updated in 2014 by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Funding focus areas, geographic coverage areas of each funder and contact information for the foundation is provided.

#### Nebraska Community Foundation

3833 S 14th St, Lincoln, NE 68502

Click on the [Nebraska Community Foundation Affiliated Funds Web Page](#) to find out if your community has an affiliated fund with the Nebraska Community Foundation. If your community has a fund managed by the Nebraska Community Foundation, click on the community link or use the contact information provided on the website to learn if you could be eligible for grants from your local community foundation.

#### Independent Community Foundations

Some community foundations manage their own funds and grantmaking and are not affiliated with the Nebraska Community Foundation. An internet search of your community and / or county name along with the keyword "Foundation" should result in a website or address and phone number of the local community foundation if one serves your community. Another option would be to check with the local Chamber of Commerce or City or Village Clerk to see if a community foundation exists and how to contact them.

#### NebraskaAccess

Click the [NebraskaAccess Grants Web Page Link](#) to view a listing of some grant and small business resources compiled by the Nebraska Library Commission.

#### United Way

Seventeen United Way organizations are located in Nebraska. Many cover several counties in their respective service areas. Contact your local United Way to find out if grant programs are available for early childhood programs. Click on the United Way of Nebraska web page [Web Link to Local United Ways in Nebraska](#) for links to program support and contact information for your community.

COLUMBUS AREA UNITED WAY, INC. - Columbus, NE -

CORNHUSKER UNITED WAY - Crete, NE

COZAD UNITED WAY, INC. - Cozad, NE

FREMONT AREA UNITED WAY, INC. - Fremont, NE

GAGE COUNTY UNITED WAY - Beatrice, NE

HEARTLAND UNITED WAY, INC. - Grand Island, NE

LEXINGTON UNITED WAY - Lexington, NE

MID-PLAINS UNITED WAY, INC. - North Platte, NE

NORFOLK AREA UNITED WAY, INC. - Norfolk, NE

UNITED WAY OF LINCOLN & LANCASTER COUNTY - Lincoln, NE

UNITED WAY OF NEBRASKA CITY, INC. - Nebraska City, NE  
UNITED WAY OF SOUTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA - Hastings, NE  
UNITED WAY OF THE KEARNEY AREA - Kearney, NE  
UNITED WAY OF THE MIDLANDS - Omaha, NE  
UNITED WAY OF WESTERN NEBRASKA - Scottsbluff, NE  
UNITED WAY OF YORK - York, NE  
WAYNE UNITED WAY - Wayne, NE

### National Funder Prospects

Go to **Child Care Lounge.com** for an array of grant opportunities available for child care and preschool programs. <http://www.childcarelounge.com/director-articles/grants.php> Child Care Lounge also has other helpful information and resources for the child care start-up business, including

**Starting a Child Care Center Program:** <http://www.childcarelounge.com/director-articles/starting-child-care-center.php>

**Child Care Finances information:** <http://www.childcarelounge.com/director-articles/center-finances.php> and

**Fundraising Ideas for a Child Care Program:** <http://www.childcarelounge.com/director-articles/fundraiser.php>

#### Receive Free Books

- First Book empowers educators with an unprecedented choice of high quality books and materials.  
[FirstBook.org](http://FirstBook.org)

#### Kaboom! Playground Grants

- KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America.  
[KaBOOM!](http://KaBOOM!)

#### LEGO Children's Fund Grants

- The LEGO Children's Fund will provide quarterly grants for programs, either in part or in total, with a special interest paid to collaborative efforts and in providing matching funds to leverage new dollars into the receiving organization.  
[LEGO Children's Fund](http://LEGO Children's Fund)

#### Toshiba America Foundation

- Toshiba America Foundation's mission is to provide teachers with additional funds to support classroom projects.  
[The National Scholarships and Grants Program](http://The National Scholarships and Grants Program)

#### Association of American Educators

- Teacher scholarships and classroom grants are competitive awards available to all educators.  
[Grades K - 5: For Teachers](http://Grades K - 5: For Teachers)

#### The Captain Planet Foundation

- The Captain Planet Foundation primarily makes grants to U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million.

[The Captain Planet Foundation](#)

#### **Crayola Art-Infused Education Program Grants**

- Each grant-winning school (up to 20 grants awarded) receives \$2,500 and Crayola products valued at \$1,000.

[Crayola Grant Program](#)

#### **Sparkplug Foundation**

- The Sparkplug Foundation is a family foundation that funds start-up organizations and new projects of established organizations in music, education and community organizing.

[Sparkplug's Application Process](#)

#### **Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood**

- The Caplan Foundation is an incubator of promising research and development projects likely to improve the welfare of young children, from infancy through 7 years. Grants are only made if a successful project outcome will likely be of significant interest to other professionals, within the grantee's field of endeavor, and would have a direct benefit and potential national application. The Foundation's goal is to provide seed money to implement those imaginative proposals that exhibit the greatest chance of improving the lives of young children, on a national scale.

[Caplan Foundation Website](#)

#### **Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation**

- The Foundation does not make grants to individuals. Grants are considered for IRS-qualified non-profit organizations located within the United States, and typically range from \$1,000 to \$20,000. They consider requests to support museums, cultural, and performing arts programs; schools, hospitals, educational and skills training programs, programs for youth, seniors, and the handicapped; environmental and wildlife protection activities; and other community-based organizations and their programs.

[Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation Application Guidelines](#)

#### **Dollar General Literacy Foundation**

- Summer, family, youth and adult literacy programs. [www.dgliteracy.com](http://www.dgliteracy.com) Deadlines vary by program area. Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading.

Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas:

Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs

Purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives

Purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs.

See website to apply.

### **State and Federal Agency Funding Opportunities for Early Childhood Service Providers**

**Nebraska Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) at the NE Dept. of Health and Human Services**

[Nebraska Child Care Development Block Grant Program Web Page](#) Funds are specifically designated to improve the quality of child care, provide quality programs for low-income children, and to increase the availability of early childhood development programs, before, and after school programs. Child Care Grants are **awarded monthly and applications must be postmarked by the first of the month to be included in that month's review cycle**. Child Cares may apply for only one type of grant and once funded, may not reapply for three years. Once funded, providers must remain in business and maintain a Child Care Subsidy for three consecutive years. Eligible applicants must provide care to children whose care is subsidized by the Department of Health and Human Services, and to continue to maintain compliance with licensing regulations. The grant review process may take 8-12 weeks. Applicants not selected for funding may reapply during a later review cycle.

Three different types of grants are offered:

1. **Child Care Start-Up and Expansion Grant:** Awards a maximum of \$5000 for Child Care Homes, and a maximum of \$10,000 for Child Care Centers. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

- + **A new (not yet licensed)** Child Care Home or Child Care Center making minor building modifications or purchasing equipment necessary to meet licensing requirements;
- + **An existing licensed Child Care Home or Child Care Center making minor building modifications or purchasing equipment to increase the license capacity** to serve additional infants, school age children, and/or children with special needs.
- + **An existing licensed program making modifications or purchasing equipment to expand from a Family Child Care Home I to a Family Child Care Home II, or a Family Child Care Home II to a Child Care Center.**

2. **Emergency Mini Grant:** Awards a maximum of \$1000 for Provisional year licenses, and a maximum of \$2000 for Operating (non-expiring) licenses. Once funded, providers must remain in business and maintain a Child Care Subsidy for three consecutive years. Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

- + A currently licensed Family Child Care Home or Child Care Center (\*or those who are in the licensing process and have had initial inspections conducted);
- + Be in good standing, and have a current agreement to provide care for low-income children ("Child Care Subsidy");
- + Requested items must be currently required from inspection(s) made by: Child Care Licensing, Fire Marshal and/or Health Inspector.

3. **Quality Improvement Grant:** Awards a maximum of \$500 for Family Child Care Homes or Child Care Centers. Once funded, providers must remain in business and maintain a Child Care Subsidy for three consecutive years. Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- + A currently licensed Child Care Home or Child Care Center with a Provisional or Operating license; Be in good standing, and have a current agreement to provide care for low-income children ("Child Care Subsidy");
- + Requested items must be related to improving the quality of the program/curriculum of the childcare.

#### **Nebraska Department of Education – Office of Early Childhood**

+ **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Mini-Grants** - Child Care Centers participating in Nebraska in Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care Centers (NAP SACC) are eligible to submit a request for reimbursement of funds (up to \$200) to purchase nutrition and physical

activity incentive items. Centers may submit the application once the Go NAP SACC Post Self-Assessment and Feedback Survey found online at: <http://negonapsacc.unl.edu/> have been completed. Applications are received on an ongoing basis and can be submitted between designated dates. Check the website for current application deadlines. <https://www.education.ne.gov/ns/team-nutrition/grants/> Questions about the application? Contact Zainab Rida@ [Zainab.rida@nebraska.gov](mailto:Zainab.rida@nebraska.gov)

**+ Early Childhood Education Grant Program—Ages 3 to 5** - The Early Childhood Education Grant Program supports development of children in the birth to kindergarten age range through comprehensive center-based programs. In most cases the projects expand and/or combine existing pre-kindergarten programs funded through district, federal, or parent fees, including Head Start. Each project receives funding for up to one-half of the total operating budget of the project per year on a continuing basis, subject to availability of the funds. A public school or an educational service unit is the fiscal agent and must make application for funding. Funded projects are required to operate in compliance with Rule 11 Regulations for Early Childhood Education Grant Program. Rule 11 reflects research-based elements of quality early childhood education programs intended to produce strong outcomes for children. For further information, **contact Kristine Luebbe** at [kristine.luebbe@nebraska.gov](mailto:kristine.luebbe@nebraska.gov) or 402-471-1860.

**+ Summer Food Service Program Grant (SFSP)** - Grant funds of up to \$15,000 may be available for start-up and expansion of SFSP. [Link to Web Page Information and Grant Application Guidelines](#) Eligible applicants are any sponsor approved by the Nebraska Department of Education Nutrition Services and located within the boundaries of **a school district in which fifty percent or more of the students qualify for free and reduced lunches or within the boundaries of a census tract in which fifty percent or more of the children fall below the poverty threshold as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).**

Under this program, eligible entities include: Public or private nonprofit school food authority; local, municipal, or county government, or any other type of private non-profit organization. To verify if eligible to participate as a Summer Food Service Program sponsor prior to applying for the grant; contact Nutrition Services at 402-471-2488 (Lincoln) or 1-800-731-2233 (outside of Lincoln).

**Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED)**— <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/start-your-business/how-to-start-your-business-in-nebraska/> In order to serve new businesses, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development partners with organizations that specialize in either providing technical assistance, small business lending, or both. DED's website offers numerous links to information and resources to help businesses start-up, expand, and innovate. Funding is available through several initiatives, although some will require your local government to be the grant applicant, such as for new community facilities grant programs to help purchase land, build or renovate a new or growing child care facility.

- Resources to Start A Business <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/start-your-business/resources>
- Resources to Expand an Existing Business <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/expand-your-business/resources/> and
- Info about available sites and buildings for a new business in your community <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/sites-buildings-locate-a-business/>

**Nebraska Business Development Centers (NBDC)** assist with business planning, market analysis, and loan guarantees through the federal Small Business Administration. Look here to find contact information for NBDC locations across the state <https://www.unomaha.edu/nebraska-business-development-center/index.php> . Many NBDC services are provided at no charge.

**InvestNE** provides technical assistance, micro loans, and early stage investment (angel and venture capital). <http://investnebraska.com/>

**Rural Enterprise Assistance Project (REAP)** – technical assistance, business training, and financing through micro lending. <http://www.cfra.org/reap> The Rural Enterprise Assistance Project (REAP), a program of the Center for Rural Affairs, is a small business development program that consists of four elements including; networking, business management training, credit (micro-loans) and technical assistance. REAP's Micro Loan Fund provides:

- + Direct Lending - Participants are eligible for loans up to \$50,000,
- + REAP Online Lending System – Application for a REAP Rapid Loan for \$5,000 or less can be completed online or the online application can be used for the pre-application for business loans from \$5,000 - \$35,000 - - see <http://www.cfra.org/reap/rapidloanentry.htm>
- + Quick & Direct GROW Loans – GROW Nebraska members are eligible for loans up to \$5,000, and
- + Peer Group Loans of \$100 - \$10,000 are available to members involved in associations that maintain a local loan loss reserve.

**Nebraska Enterprise Fund** – training and mentoring, direct micro lending, and loan guarantees. <http://nebbiz.org/> - If it's a business loan you need, or information about loan guarantee programs, check out the following information: Business Loan & Loan Guarantee Programs, Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan Programs Microenterprise (5 or Fewer Employees) & Other Direct Loans, Nebraska Enterprise Fund: Small/Micro Business Financing & Microenterprise Programs, Community Development Resources, Inc.(CDR): Business Loans

**Northeast Nebraska Development District** - Business Loans

<http://nenedd.org/businessloan.html> NENEDD loans are available in the following counties: Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Burt, Brown, Cedar, Colfax, Cuming, Cherry, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, rural Douglas, Holt, Keya Paha, Knox, Madison, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Rock, Stanton, Thurston, Washington, and Wayne

**Southeast Nebraska Development District** - Business Loans <http://sendd.org/economic-development/business-loans/>

Counties located within SENDD's service/membership area include Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer and York Counties.

**Panhandle Area Development District** - 1620 Broadway Suite E-10, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Contact:

Bryan Venable- Business Resource Manager, [bryanv@nepadd.com](mailto:bryanv@nepadd.com) 308-633-3741 Website:

<http://www.nepadd.com/Partner-Business-Resources.html> Social Enterprise Program:

<http://www.nepadd.com/Social-Enterprise.html> and Loan Fund:

[http://www.nepadd.com/EDLF\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.nepadd.com/EDLF_Brochure.pdf)

**USDA Rural Development Grant and Loan Programs**

Click on the [Nebraska USDA Website](#) Programs and Services tab at the top of the page to learn about several community and small business funding options for child care businesses, primarily child care center facilities. Funding is limited and prioritized to serve communities with high poverty and unemployment and without access to other essential community service financing options. Most funding from this resource is provided as low interest or guaranteed loans for a partial part of the total project cost. Interested parties are asked to contact their local USDA Rural Development office to discuss funding needs and staff will help you identify possible options. The website link to view local

office contact information is <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/ne> and identifies specific locations in Lincoln, Norfolk, Kearney, North Platte and Scottsbluff.

### Small Business Administration

The Nebraska district office of the Small Business Administration (SBA) is in Omaha. Their website states to call this office at 402-221-4691 for information about services available and to **call Michael Niehaus at 402-221-7210 or email [Michael.niehaus@sba.gov](mailto:Michael.niehaus@sba.gov) for information about financing options** available to small businesses in Nebraska. They also have a **Women’s Business Ownership Representative, Elizabeth Yearwood, who can be reached at 402-221-7200 or via email to [elizabeth.yearwood@sba.gov](mailto:elizabeth.yearwood@sba.gov)** . The SBA doesn’t offer grants, their financing assistance is provided through guaranteed loans made by area bank and non-bank lenders.

## Corporations in Nebraska with Community-Specific Charitable Giving Programs

### Walmart Community Giving

General Description and Funding Request Information: [General Information and Funding Request Guidance](#)

Link to the Online Application (this was the 2017 link) [Web Link to Online Application](#)

Community grants range from \$250-\$2500. Applications are accepted anytime during their funding cycle, which in 2017 was February 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications must be submitted online (see website for current link). Eligible applicants must meet one of the following criteria: An organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code, a recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes, a K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university, or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large such as food pantries, soup kitchens, clothing closets, etc. They do not fund scholarships.

**Cargill Community Grants** – <https://www.cargill.com/about/community/local-communities> They “invest in, engage with and respect cultures while promoting sustainable and responsible economic development to improve living standards and promote stable communities”. Note that the *Cargill Foundation* only serves its headquarters community of Minneapolis so that resources isn’t available to Nebraska communities. If your program or project is in a Cargill community, **contact the Cargill manager or Cargill Cares Council**. They are typically responsible for reviewing local grant requests and making funding decisions. Cargill locations in Nebraska (as of November 2017) are:

1. Value Added Meats, Nebraska City
2. Cargill AgHorizons, Ord
3. Cargill Inc., Ravenna
4. Cargill, Blair
5. Cargill, Inc., Albion
6. Cargill Inc., Wood River
7. Cargill Inc., Silver Creek
8. Cargill Inc., Gibbon
9. Cargill Inc., Holdrege
10. Cargill AgHorizons, Minden
11. Cargill Inc., O’Neill
12. Cargill Inc., Heartwell

13. Cargill, Oxford
14. Cargill Inc., Dakota City
15. Cargill Inc., Elwood
16. Cargill Value Added Meats, Columbus
17. Cargill AgHorizons, Arapahoe
18. Cargill Inc., Carleton
19. Cargill Ag Horizons, Alma

**Tyson** <http://www.tysonfoods.com/we-care/giving-back> Tyson Foods Corporate Giving web page states they are currently redeveloping their grantmaking strategy and application processes, and are not accepting any new grant requests. It asks for interested persons to visit their website in mid-December 2017 for updated information regarding priority investment areas, funding guidelines, and the grant application process. Tyson locations in Nebraska (as of November 2017) are:

1. Tyson Fresh Meats, Dakota City
2. Tyson Foods, Madison
3. Tyson, Lexington
4. Tyson Foods Inc, Crofton
5. Tyson Fresh Meats, Laurel
6. Tyson Foods Inc., St. Paul
7. Tyson Fresh Meats, York

**Farmland (Smithfield)** <https://www.smithfieldfoods.com/key-outreach-efforts/smithfield-foundation>

Farmland is a brand of Smithfield corporation. Smithfield's charitable giving is largely focused on scholarships for employee's children. They do fund early childhood work in Virginia, where their headquarters are located. For information about local giving, contact the community location.

1. Farmland Foods Inc., Crete  
2223 Co Rd I, Crete, NE 68333  
(402) 826-4381

### **Swift/JBS**

1. JBS Beef Plant and Swift Distribution Center, Grand Island

Swift Charities: <http://www.swiftcharities.org/assistance/community-grants> Swift employees are encouraged to engage in volunteer opportunities when time permits and then recommend worthy nonprofit (tax exempt) organizations for grants that will have a positive impact in their communities. Community Grant requests are reviewed monthly by a volunteer committee. An employee of Swift/JBS must complete and submit the online grant request form on behalf of a program. After submitting the online request form, the Swift employee coordinates with their contact person at the community organization to gather the following information:

- A brief project summary explaining the need for this grant.
- Any printed materials, internet sites, pictures, endorsements etc. that will help illustrate the scope of charitable intentions related to this grant.
- The organization's letter of determination from the IRS that indicates their tax exempt status.
- The organization's IRS Form 990 from the previous year.
- Any other information that you feel will represent the impact this grant will have on your community.

The additional information required in Step 2 needs to be mailed to:

Swift Charities  
Attn: Community Grants  
P.O. Box 29243



Phoenix, AZ 85038

Completed grant requests are then reviewed and a determination is made by a volunteer committee. Community Grant Review Committee Meetings are held monthly.

**Pioneer** – <https://www.pioneer.com/home/site/about/business/pioneer-giving/>

Pioneer supports programs and projects that create sustainable infrastructure for communities in which their employees and customers live and work. Projects could include local health and human services projects.

Contact your local Pioneer sales representative or business team for more details on program applications. They also have a classroom resource page for Pre-K programs on their website, see the following link: <https://www.pioneer.com/home/site/about/business/pioneer-giving/classroom-resources/>

Nebraska Pioneer Managers and local sales reps can be found at this link <https://www.pioneer.com/home/site/us/contact-directory/#tabs-1> by typing in your community location and searching. The contact person's name, phone, and email are provided.

### **Koch Fertilizer**

1. Koch Fertilizer Beatrice, LLC, Beatrice
2. Koch's Fairmont Ethanol Plant, Fairmont

Brothers Charles Koch Foundation - - and David H. Koch, both big personal and corporate givers  
<https://www.charleskochfoundation.org/our-giving-and-support/non-profit-organizations/>

### **Land O Lakes Foundation**

<https://www.landolakesinc.com/company/corporateresponsibility/foundation/default.aspx> The foundation matches its employees' financial donations dollar-for-dollar through a Matching Gifts to Education program. The Land O'Lakes Foundation has matched 511 employee grant requests over the past five years, supporting a variety of elementary schools, after school clubs and activities and public broadcasting stations. Contact the local Land O Lakes business for employee match program information.

**Land O Lakes Farmland Feed**, Fremont, 330 E Cloverly Rd, Fremont, NE 68025, (402) 721-8582  
Through programs like Member Co-op Match, Matching Gifts to Education and the annual United Way campaign, the Foundation is fulfilling its mission to serve the many communities where our members and employees live and work. Contributions are used in fighting hunger, supporting education and strengthening communities.

## **Faith-Based Charitable Foundations in Nebraska**

**Nebraska United Methodist Foundation** Their mission is to support the work of the United Methodist Church in Nebraska and institutions, organizations and projects related to the United Methodist Church for the glorification of God. They have funded church-sponsored pre-K programs in the past. Primary Contact: Director, Anita Crisp, [acrisp@numf.org](mailto:acrisp@numf.org), 877-495-5545, ext. 102 - - Main Address 100 W Fletcher Ave STE 100 Lincoln, NE 68521 - - Website: <http://www.numf.org/>

**Catholic Charities Microbusiness Training and Financing** <http://www.ccomaha.org/what-we-do/microbusiness-training.html> The Catholic Charities Microbusiness Training program offers a wide range of services tailored to help entrepreneurs and small business owners, helping clients create and grow their business. The program creates independence and self-sufficiency by promoting business ownership, promotes economic growth in communities by supporting the development of small

business enterprises and helps entrepreneurs start or improve their business. Classes and services are offered in English and Spanish. Classes are held at the Juan Diego Center in Omaha.

#### TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The business training program is 16 classes over an 8-week period. Daytime and evening classes are offered at least 4 times a year in both Spanish and English.

#### BUSINESS FINANCING

Micro loans of up to \$5,000 are available for clients who have successfully completed the training program, submitted a feasible business plan and completed a loan application. For higher loan amounts, they provide referrals for third party financing.

Contact the Program Director, Mabel Alarcon-Craven, MBA at 402-939-4638 or [MabelA@ccomaha.org](mailto:MabelA@ccomaha.org)

#### **Reiman Foundation** <http://www.reimanfoundation.org/>

The Reiman Foundation will accept, review and make decisions on grant applications on an ongoing, rolling basis throughout the year. Our aim is to review and process the numerous applications we receive, as quickly and efficiently as possible. There are no set deadlines for submitting grant applications.

The Reiman Foundation will acknowledge receipt of your grant application by telephone, email or postal letter; therefore you don't need to contact us to check on the status. If your submitted proposal does not fall within our established [application guidelines](#), and/or is one that we're unable to support at this time, we'll advise you of this decision in a timely manner

The Reiman Foundation focuses its giving in four main areas:

- Health Care
- Education
- The Arts
- Children

#### [Grant Application Guidelines](#)

In order for us to review your proposal in a timely manner, please include the following information on your agency's letterhead:

- The date of your application
- Brief description of project requesting funds
- Why a grant from the Reiman Foundation is needed
- Documentation of tax-exempt status
- Brief overview of your agency (include the population you serve and your focus)
- Contact person's name and information
- Amount of funds being requested (if possible attach a "Wish List" with specific needs and the dollar amount associated with those needs)