

Paula Windham Fund for Education and Community Development Grant Guidelines

The Paula Windham Fund for Education and Community Development is a field of interest fund established by the late Dr. Paula Andree Windham. This fund was set up in her name to create an initiative to take on rural issues. Local rural communities will benefit from grants made towards programmatic support, special projects, capacity building, and capital projects to build upon and ensure a higher quality of life.

Eligibility

Organizations with an IRS tax-exempt status, municipalities, local governments, volunteer fire departments, churches, school districts, universities, colleges, trade schools, and chamber organizations located in a rural area. A rural area is defined by Community Foundation of Abilene (CFA) as all territory that is not within the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of any city having a population of 100,000 or more.

Service Area

Grant applications will be accepted from the following counties; Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton. Any applicants outside of counties listed that are within a 150-mile radius of Oplin, Texas will also be accepted and reviewed.

Application Process

An organization or entity wishing to apply must interview with CFA staff. Please contact Meagan Harris at mharris@cfabilene.org to set up a preliminary interview. The Foundation utilizes an online grants management system called Foundant GLM. All requested information must be submitted through this system, and applicant tutorials are available on the CFA website. Paper applications are not accepted for this grant cycle. The application questions are available to preview online at www.cfabilene.org/windham.

Timeline and Notification

Application deadline is July 1, 2022. CFA and the Grant Committee will review and conduct site visits (if needed) throughout the month of July. Award notifications will be mid-August.

Evaluation

The Community Foundation of Abilene requires an evaluation form to be submitted to report on the impact of programs it funds. The evaluation form must be submitted prior to applying for a future grant. The evaluation questions are available to preview online at www.cfabilene.org/windham.

Need More Information?

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