



2020 GUIDELINES

SALUDA COMMUNITY FUND

Introduction

The Saluda Community Fund celebrates Saluda! An anonymous donor established this competitive grant fund in 2006 to benefit Saluda organizations that are serving the residents of Saluda. The donor feels Saluda is “the most unique place on the planet; there is a sense in people of being where they belong.” The generous gift that established this visionary fund was made in honor of the donor’s family and in celebration of the citizens of Saluda.

The Saluda Community Fund is a permanent endowment fund so funds will be available in perpetuity to award grants to benefit the Saluda community. Any gifts to the Saluda Community Fund will increase the grant budget by increasing the size of the endowment. Anyone who wishes to support and celebrate community life in Saluda may make a gift to this fund at any time.

The Polk County Community Foundation is a public charity founded in 1975 by a group of generous and visionary community leaders who wished to improve the quality of life in our area. It is completely funded by gifts and bequests from our local community.

How to apply?

- Use the Long Form Application, available online at www.polkccf.org and at the Foundation office, 255 South Trade Street, in Tryon.
- You may refer to our “Dates & Dollars” chart to determine how and when to apply. Please contact the Foundation for guidance.

Which organizations may apply?

- The Foundation awards grants to local charitable organizations that have been reviewed and approved by the Foundation’s committee and Board prior to consideration of any particular application. Please contact the Foundation with questions about your organization’s eligibility to apply for grants.
- Organizations that are located in Saluda and serve the residents of Saluda may be eligible to apply. Saluda nonprofits, Saluda organizations supported by tax dollars, and other Saluda organizations engaged in charitable or civic projects to benefit Saluda residents may be eligible to apply.

What types of grants may be awarded?

- Civic events in Saluda which are open to residents of Saluda and may be attended by others as well.
- Non-recurring expenses or capital projects like repairs to roofs, remodeling and the purchase of equipment which will last for some years (however, no more than one-half of the annual distribution should be awarded for the capital projects of any one organization).
- Other special projects considered worthwhile by the Polk County Community Foundation.

Application Deadline

- For application deadlines see the “Dates & Dollars” chart available online and at our office.
- Please note that all applications are due on Tuesdays by 11:59 pm on the date indicated.

Helpful Publications

- The “Directory of Kirby Endowment Funds, Competitive Grant Funds and Donor Information” provides information about the many funds available at the Community Foundation, including examples of past grants.
- The “Dates and Dollars” chart lists application deadlines, notification dates, interview dates and requirements (if any), and available dollars for each grant program.

Timeframe for Using Approved Grants

Grant funds must be spent within 12 months of the time of the award notification. You may request a longer grant period by indicating the need for an extension of time on the cover page.

Additional Application Hints and Requirements

Please refer to the signature page on the application.

Questions?

For additional information concerning this or other grant applications, or help with your unique situation, please contact Noah Wood, our Director of Grants. You may visit us at 255 South Trade Street, Tryon, NC or online at www.polkccf.org; call 828-859-5314; or email: grants@polkccf.org.